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This is volume 12!

When this comes out, the TV anime will be reaching its climax,

and it will be very exciting!

I'm looking forward to seeing what it looks like!

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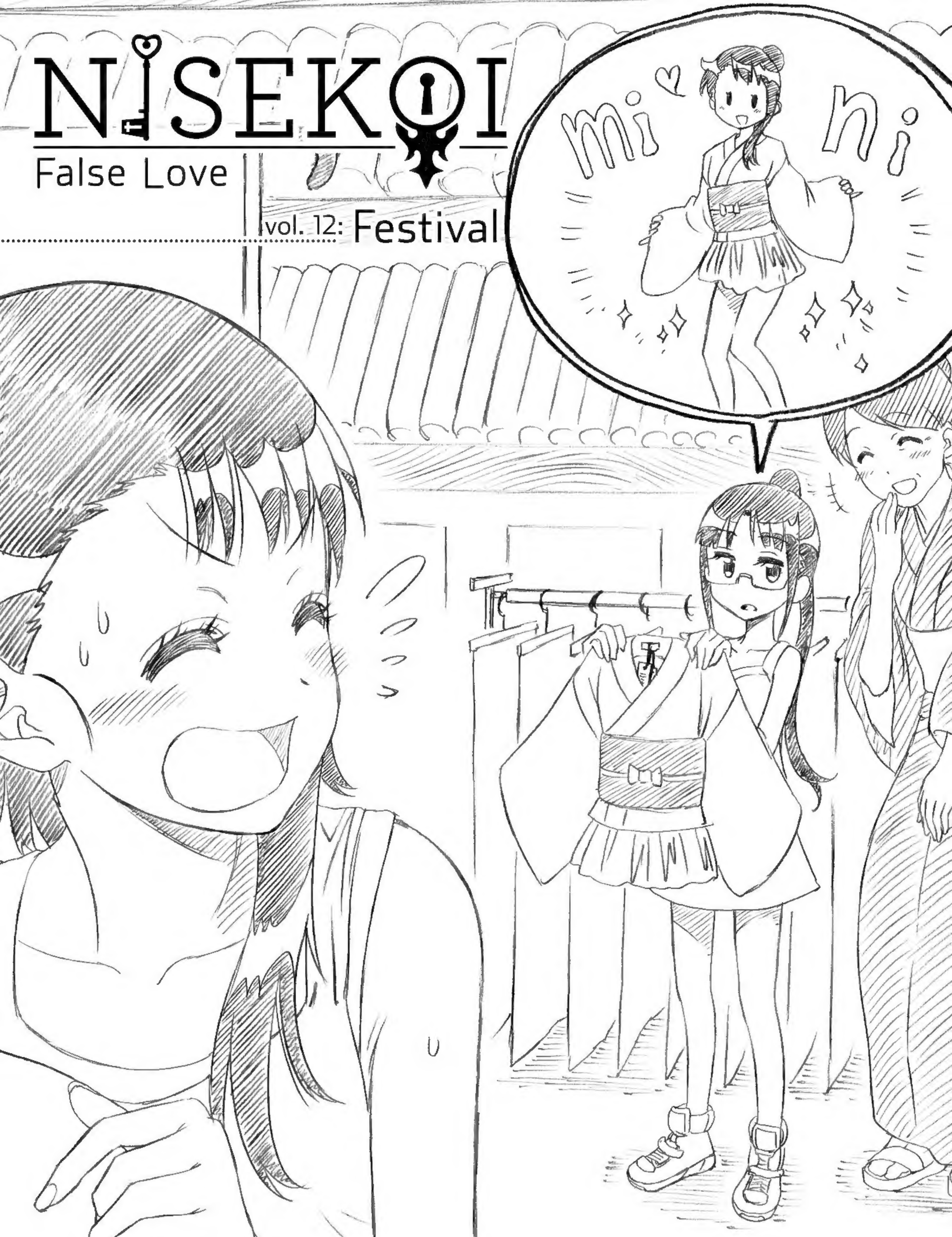
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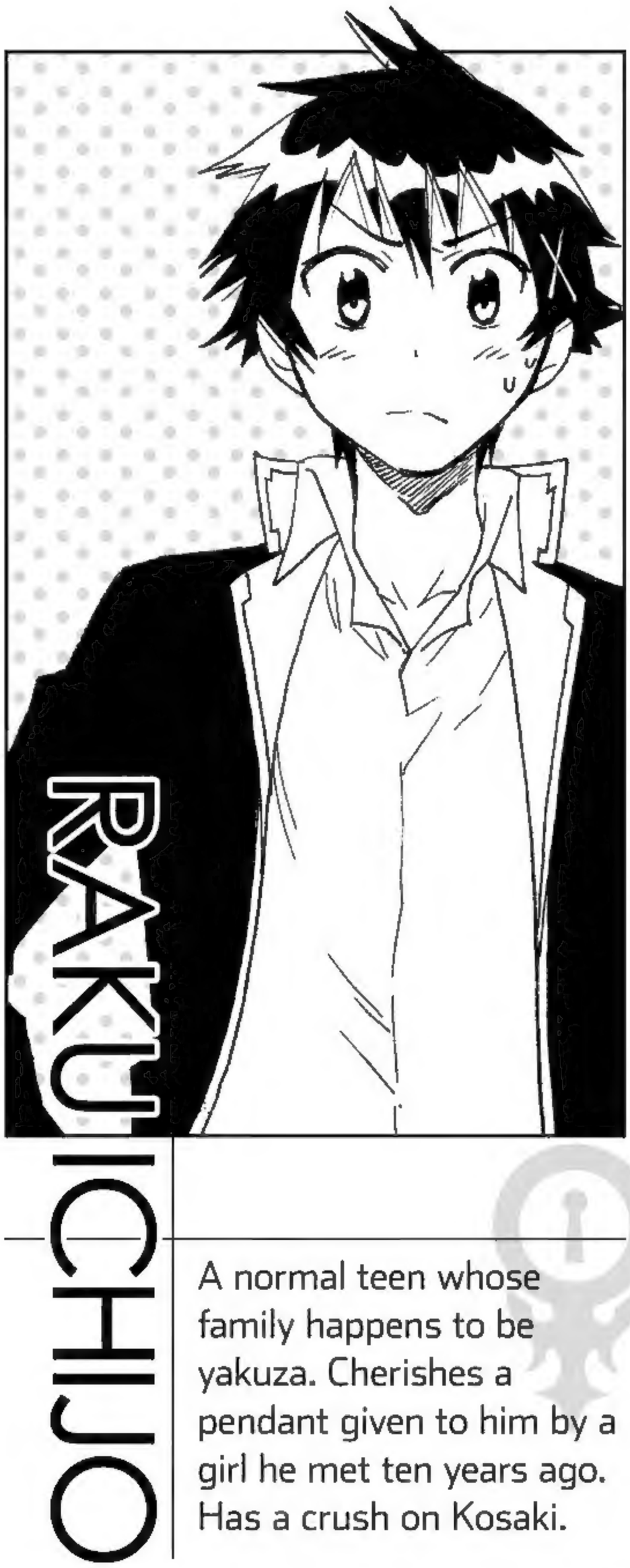


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CHITOGE KIRISAKI

A half-Japanese bombshell with stellar athletic abilities. Short-tempered and violent. Comes from a family of gangsters.



RAKU ICHIJO

A normal teen whose family happens to be yakuza. Cherishes a pendant given to him by a girl he met ten years ago. Has a crush on Kosaki.

CHARACTERS & STORY

Raku Ichijo is an ordinary teen...who just happens to come from a family of yakuza! His most treasured item is a pendant he was given ten years ago by a girl whom he promised to meet again one day and marry.

Thanks to family circumstances, Raku is forced into a false relationship with Chitoge, the daughter of a rival gangster, to keep their families from shedding blood. Despite their constant spats, Raku and Chitoge manage to fool everyone. One day, Chitoge discovers an old key, jogging memories of her own first love ten years earlier. Meanwhile, Raku's crush, Kosaki, confesses that she also has a key and made a promise with a boy ten years ago. To complicate matters, Marika Tachibana has a key as well and remembers a promise ten years ago. The mystery keeps getting more complex!

Raku recovers from his bout with amnesia just in time for Chitoge's birthday. But when an old friend of Marika's named Mikage comes to visit, she turns out to be under the illusion that Raku and Marika are dating! Raku has to play along, causing no end of trouble...



MARIKA TACHIBANA

Daughter of the chief of police, Marika is Raku's fiancée, according to an agreement made by their fathers—an agreement Marika takes very seriously! Also has a key and remembers making a promise with Raku ten years ago.



KOSAKI ONODERA

A girl Raku has a crush on. Beautiful and sweet, Kosaki has no shortage of admirers. She's a terrible cook but makes food that *looks* amazing.



SHU MAIKO

Raku's best friend is outgoing and girl-crazy.



SEISHIRO TSUGUMI

Trained as an assassin in order to protect Chitoge, Tsugumi is often mistaken for a boy.



HARU ONODERA

Kosaki's adoring younger sister. Has a low opinion of Raku.



RURI MIYAMOTO

Kosaki's best gal pal. Comes off as aloof, but is actually a devoted and highly intuitive friend.



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WHAT'RE THOSE?

HEY...

Chapter 99: Delicate

Why is it here?

I WONDER IF THIS IS KONPEITO SUGAR CANDY. ONODERA MENTIONED THEM ONCE...

OH!

WHAT PRETTY COLORS!

GYU!

SUCH A DELICATE SWEET-NESS...

I'LL SHARE THESE WITH THE MISTRESS!

Tee hee!

YUM! SWEET AND TASTY!

I'M SURE NOBODY WILL MIND IF I TAKE JUST A FEW...

VWISH

GOOD MORNING...

RAKU DEAR-EST!!

GLEAM

KNOCK IT OFF! LEMME GO!

OH, COME NOW, RAKU DEAREST!

ACK!

TSUGUMI ?!

HOW DARE YOU FLIRT WITH OTHER GIRLS WHEN THE MISTRESS ISN'T AROUND!!

STOMP

STOMP

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING, RAKU ICHIJO?!

POW

NO...

...EX-CUSES...

WAIT! I WASN'T...!!

...AL-LOWED!!

KER...

HUH?

HA HA!

SLAP SLAP SLAP SLAP

WHAP WHAP

THAT TICKLES!!

YOU'RE AWFULLY GENTLE TODAY!

THAT'S WEIRD ...

BRRRING BRRRING

HUFF HUFF HUFF HUFF

WHAT'S GOING ON?! I FEEL SO WEAK...

TSU-GUMI ?

SPLAT

AAAGH!!

HOIST

NOOO !!

KA

BLRF

DID YOU HAPPEN TO SEE...

...A JAR OF DRUGGED CANDY IN MY OFFICE?

SEISHIRO?

HELLO, CLAUDE... THIS IS TSUGUMI.

BEEP

QUICK QUESTION FOR YOU...

ER... N-NO...

UM... DRUGGED?

WHAT KIND OF DRUG ARE WE TALKING ABOUT?

WELL, ACTUALLY...

ANOTHER BEEHIVE INVENTION?!

IT'S A MUSCULAR STRENGTH DEPRESSANT DEVELOPED BY THE BEEHIVE.

DESIGNED TO REDUCE THE SUBJECT'S STRENGTH TO THAT OF A WEAK LITTLE GIRL.

IT WAS CARELESS OF ME TO LEAVE THEM OUT IN MY OFFICE.

IF YOU FIND THEM, LOCK THEM UP SOMEWHERE SAFE, WILL YOU?

YES.

WE DESIGNED THEM TO LOOK LIKE CANDY SO THAT ENEMIES WILL BE TRICKED INTO EATING THEM.

REDUCE A PERSON'S STRENGTH?

IT MAKES THEM WEAK?!

HA HA! PIQUED YOUR CURIOSITY, HAVE I?

WELL, UH...

WHEN DOES THE PERSON GET THEIR STRENGTH BACK?

IT WAS ON A WHIM!

SO... YOU ATE THEM?

ANYWAY, KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED.

GOT THAT, SEISHIRO?

WHA...

WHA...

THEIR ENTIRE LIFE!

THEIR STRENGTH NEVER COMES BACK!

THAT'S WHY THE DRUG IS SO DANGEROUS!!

—

IS THAT REALLY POSSIBLE?

YOU ATE THE CANDY, AND YOU'RE WEAK AS A KITTEN?

SO...

THIS IS A DISASTER!!

THIS CAN'T BE!!

AUGH!! WHAT HAVE I DONE?!

AAAA

Mm...!

NGH...

ERG...

I DON'T BELIEVE THIS!

HUH?

E-EEP!

TAK

Mmf...!

ARE YOU OKAY?

HUFF HUFF

B-BMP

HUH?

THAT WAS... ADORABLE.

HO-HO!

YOU'RE REALLY IN A WEAKENED STATE, SEISHIRO?

HOW WILL I PROTECT THE MISTRESS?!

I CAN'T PERFORM MY DUTIES LIKE THIS!!

I WAS REALLY TRYING MY HARDEST!

THIS IS MY CHANCE!!

HYA!

KICK KICK KICK KICK KICK KICK

STAY AWAY FROM ME, YOU BEAST!!

NOOOOOOOO!!

OH, SEISHIRO, SWEETIE-PIE!

HOW ABOUT A NICE SWEET HUGGY-HUG?

I REFUSE TO ACCEPT THIS!!

WHAT A DISGRACE!

WHAP WHAP WHAP

MWA HA HA HA AAAAA

THAT IDIOT.

AAAAUGH!!

VOOSH

THAT DOESN'T HURT!!

I'M A FORMIDABLE OPPONENT!

WHY, I'M KNOWN FAR AND WIDE AS A *FITNESS FAILURE!*

Tee hee hee...

WAIT! YOU'RE BRAGGING ABOUT BEING UNFIT?!

SO, YOU THINK YOU CAN BEAT ME, HUH?

WELL, THINK AGAIN!

I WON'T LOSE THIS TIME!

NOT TO MARIKA TACHIBANA, OF ALL PEOPLE!

HARD TO SAY...

WHO DO YOU THINK WILL WIN?

BANG

READY, SET...

GET READY FOR THE 50-METER DASH!

YAAAAAY

YAAAAAAY

YAAAAAA

OH, PLEASE.

NEITHER FINISHED?!

Only 50 meters!

GASP GASP

HUFF

WHEEZ

KA-SHING

AS LONG AS I CAN STILL SHOOT, I...

HA! I KNOW!

AT LEAST I STILL HAVE MY GUN!

NGH...

GNF...

NNGH!!

ER... YOU OKAY?

1kg

YEEP!

FWOOP

KTUNK

TSUGUMI?!

TAK TAK TAK

WAAH!!

YOU WERE SO SLOW... SORRY.

WHY DID YOU FOL-LOW ME?!

I wanted to be alone!!

I'M NOT FIT TO REMAIN WITH THE MISTRESS ...

WITHOUT MY STRENGTH, I'M WORTH-LESS.

SIGH...

IT'S ALL OVER.

SIGH...

DON'T BE RIDICU-LOUS!

SHF

STRONG OR NOT...

IT DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT CHITOGE STILL NEEDS YOU!

THAT GOES FOR THE WHOLE CLASS ...

...IN-CLUDING ME!

HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT?

I'M AN ASSASSIN FOR THE BEEHIVE!

I CAN'T DO ANYTHING WITHOUT MY STRENGTH.

I'M SURE...

...SHE'D BE BETTER OFF WITH SOMEONE ELSE.

I CAN'T PROTECT THE MISTRESS...

HUH?

SO...

...YOU WON'T LISTEN TO ME, EH?

TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK

TSUGUMI SAYS SHE'S USELESS TO YOU WITHOUT HER STRENGTH, SO SHE'S GOING BACK TO THE U.S.

HEY, HONEY?

?!

BEEP

YIKES!!

KA KA KA

GLINT...!!

EEP!!

LOOM

DON'T BE AN IDIOT!!

M... MIS-TRESS ...

IF YOU LEFT...

DO YOU REALLY THINK I KEEP YOU AROUND JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE A USEFUL BODYGUARD?!

...I'D MISS YOU!!

SQUISH

DON'T EVER SAY THAT AGAIN!!

MIS-TRESS ...!!

PLIP

M...

PLIP

I'b sho shoooorrryyyy...

Okay, okay.

GEEZ, YOU'RE A HANDFUL.

OKAY, OKAY. STOP CRYING.

M-MIIIIS-TRESSS...

YOU'RE STILL HERE?

HMM ?

IF I WANT A JOB, SHE SAYS I CAN BE HER ASSISTANT, OR ADVISOR, OR MAID, OR WHATEVER I WANT.

I'M SO LUCKY.

SHE SAYS I CAN STAY ON.

I'LL GO HOME WITH HER.

I'M WAITING FOR THE MISTRESS.

OH.

I APPRECIATE...

I, UM...

HUH?

OH!

I'LL REGAIN MY STRENGTH, NO MATTER WHAT IT TAKES...

THAT DOESN'T MEAN I'M OKAY WITH BEING WEAK, THOUGH!

OF COURSE. I'M SURE YOU WILL.

WELL...

I, UH...

SKRCH

WHAT DID YOU MEAN BY THAT?

HUH?!

YOU SAID YOU NEEDED ME TOO. EARLIER...

WHAT?!

SO, YOU KNOW... IT WOULD BE LAME IF YOU WERE GONE!

YOU KNOW...

YOU'RE GREAT AT HELPING PEOPLE WITH THEIR SCHOOLWORK.

YOUR PUNCHES DON'T EVEN HURT ANYMORE!

HA HA!

I'M REALLY GOING TO CLOBBER YOU THIS TIME!!

OH, SO I'M JUST A CONVENIENT TOOL, IS THAT IT?

...THAT'S ENOUGH FOR ME.

WELL, FOR NOW...

SO THAT'S WHAT HE MEANT!

HMPH.



WHA...

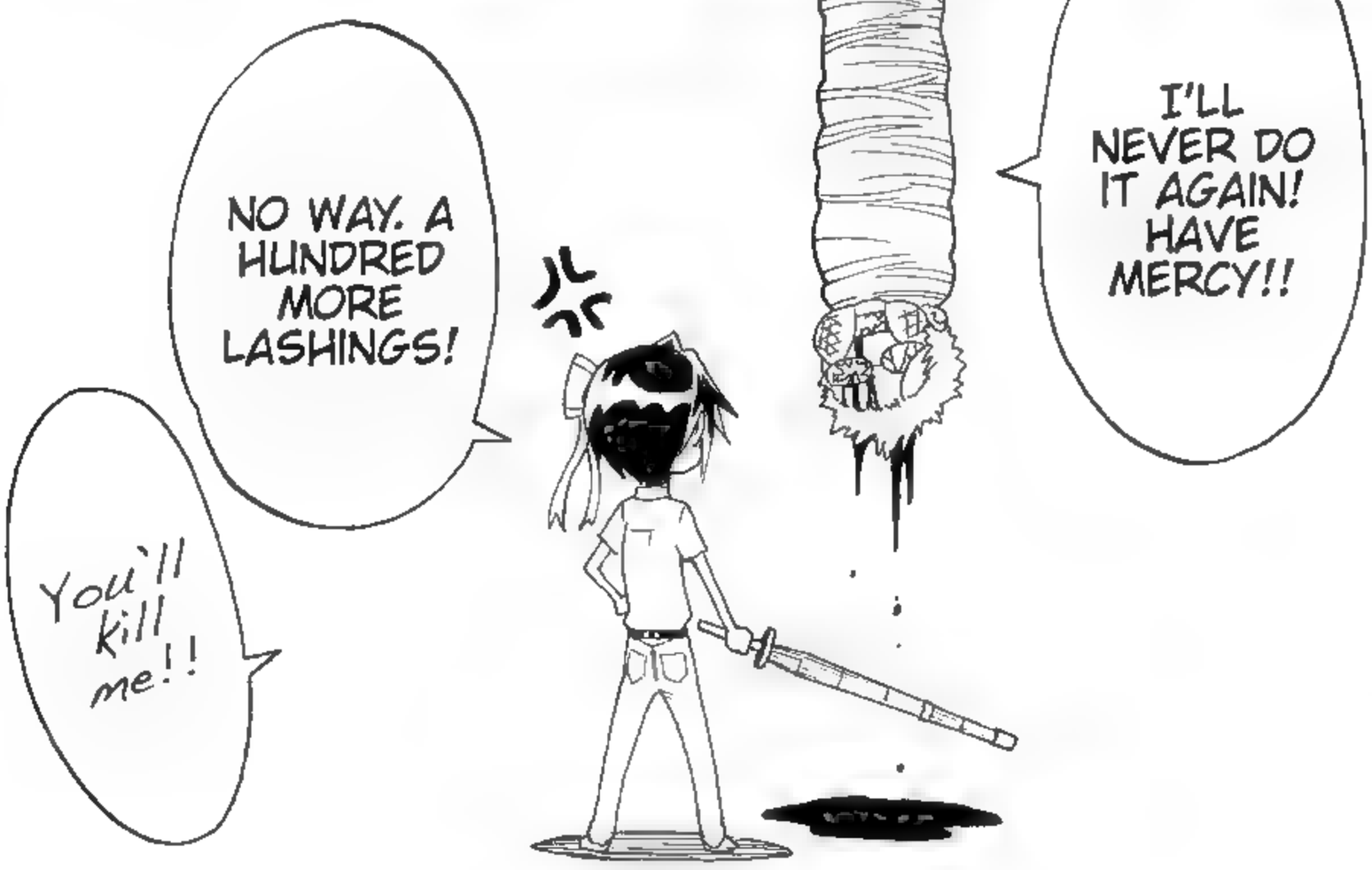
WHAAAT?!

VWHRRRRRR

HUH?







OF COURSE, THE FIRST THING TSUGUMI DID WITH HER RENEWED STRENGTH WAS...


Oh...
?
You could be a champion!
Girl, that right fist of yours...
JANITOR



Chapter 100: Test

KREAK

I LIKE YOU.

WILL YOU GO OUT WITH ME?

HUH?

FLIP

FLIP

KREAK

SIGH...

Come Here, Love!!

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FWAP

...CONFESSED MY FEELINGS?

WHAT IF I...

CAN'T DO IT!

KREAK

NO WAY!

...IF I DID...

...WHAT WOULD HAPPEN?

SKWEEK

BUT IF I DID...

WHRR

WHRR

BUT...

I HAVE A CRUSH ON HIM.

SKWEEK

DO I WANT TO DATE HIM? I'M NOT SURE!

WHMP

WHAT DO I WANT?

HOW DO I WANT THINGS TO BE?

DOOONG

DIING

...WOULD IT CHANGE THINGS?

IF I CONFESSED...

A TEST, NOTHING MORE!

MAYBE I SHOULD TRY.

JUST AS A TEST.

HEH

STAARE

HEY, WHAT'RE YOU STARING AT?

HMM ?

I WON'T REALLY DO IT...

I'LL JUST... SORT OF...

?

I CAN'T DO IT!!

NO WAY!!

I'LL DIE!!

HOW CAN WE?

WILL WE STILL KEEP ON PRETEND DATING?

I MEAN, WHAT IF HE REJECTS ME?!

JUST THE THOUGHT OF IT MAKES MY HEAD FEEL LIKE IT'LL EXPLODE!!

WOULD HE BE STOKED?

OR WOULD IT BE WEIRD?

I BET IT'D BE WEIRD.

HE JUST DOESN'T SEE ME THAT WAY.

GLANCE

IF I REALLY DID THIS...

...HOW WOULD HE REACT?

THAT SEEMS MUCH EASIER...

IF I CAN'T TELL HIM FACE-TO-FACE, MAYBE A LOVE LETTER?

I JUST HAVE TO THINK OF IT AS A TEST!

IT'S JUST A TEST!

THIS ISN'T SERIOUS, ANYWAY.

ACK!

I like

SKRIT

THAT OLD LINE?

"I LIKE YOU. WILL YOU GO OUT WITH ME?"

Hmm...

WHAT DO I WRITE?

NO!! I CAN'T DO IT!!

SHAKA SHAKA

EVEN KNOWING I'D NEVER ACTUALLY GIVE IT TO HIM, IT'S TOO EMBARRASSING! I CAN'T STAND IT!!

AAAAGH!!

RIP

RIP

RIP

TOSS

CRUMPLE CRUMPLE

FORGET THE LETTER!

MAYBE I SHOULD JUST PRACTICE.

ARE THEY ALL CRAZY BRAVE OR WHAT?!

HAS EVERY COUPLE IN THE WORLD BEEN THROUGH THIS STRESS?!

I CAN'T BELIEVE HOW NERVOUS I FEEL!

HUFF HUFF

UM, WELL... ER... ...

I, UH...

AHEM!

KOFF

PHEW...

WHOA! I SAID IT!!

THAT WAS SOOO EMBAR-RASSING!

AND THAT WAS WITH A DOLL!

WILL YOU GO OUT WITH ME?

I LIKE YOU.

BLRF?!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, MISTRESS?

I DID KNOCK, ACTUALLY ...

You didn't notice me.

HAVEN'T YOU HEARD OF KNOCKING, TSUGUMI?!

I MEAN... I WAS JUST RE-ENACTING A SHOW I SAW ON TV!

I WAS JUST PRAC-TICING !!

NO!!

HOW DO PEOPLE MANAGE?!

AND THAT WAS JUST PRACTICE. IF IT WERE THE REAL THING...

GEEZ. ASKING SOMEONE OUT IS SUPER HARD.

HUFF... HUFF...

Ex-cuse me.

KCHAM

HMM?

WHO MADE THE FIRST MOVE, YOU OR MOM?

DADDY?

I NEVER TOLD YOU ABOUT HOW HANA AND I MET, HUH?

THE SHORT ANSWER IS, I DID.

YOU'RE DOING GREAT.

WE WERE HAVING A GUNFIGHT WITH AN ENEMY ORGANIZATION IN AN OLD ABANDONED WAREHOUSE...

POW!

POW!

POW!

WHAT NOW, BOSS?

BLAM! BLAM!

...WHEN I CAME TO JAPAN ON A BUSINESS TRIP.

I MET YOUR MOTHER...

WHAT IS SHE, NUTS? WALTZIN' IN HERE LIKE THAT?!

WHERE'D SHE COME FROM?!

WHO'S THAT?!

BLAM

POW

BA-BA-BLAM

KA-POW

HMM ?

SKREE

BRRMMM!

Pizza

FWOOO

SHP

AND SHE SAID...

THERE SHE STOOD, IN THE MAELSTROM OF BULLETS...

pizza

?!

WHAT ?!

WHO ORDERED THIS PIZZA?

WHICH SIDE?

SHE WORKED SEVENTEEN DIFFERENT JOBS TO GET BY!

SHE WAS A STARVING STUDENT AT THE TIME.

THAT'S RIGHT.

WHAT?! THAT WAS MOM?!

NO WAY!!

THAT MAKES NO SENSE!!

SEVEN-TEEN?!

I WAS CAPTIVATED.

SHE WAS SO LOVELY.

LIKE AN 'ANGEL ALIGHTING 'IN THE 'MIDDLE OF A BATTLEFIELD.

FWSH

WELL...

AND?

WHAT DID YOU DO, DAD?

...

HA

BOOT

SHE PRACTIC-ALLY KNOCKED MY BLOCK OFF...

WOW, MOM!!

WHAT?!

WILL YOU MARRY ME?

I PROPOSED.

RATS. THIS IS TOO BIZARRE TO LEARN ANY LESSONS FROM.

SOMETIMES, HER REJECTIONS INVOLVED BROKEN BONES.

I KEPT MAKING OVERTURES, AND SHE KEPT REJECT-ING ME.

HA-HA-HA

IT WAS PRETTY MUCH DOWNHILL FROM THERE.

BASICALLY, I FELL IN LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT.

THAT'S HOW DRAWN TO HER I WAS.

I KNEW SHE WAS THE LOVE OF MY LIFE.

BUT STILL...

I COULDN'T STOP MYSELF FROM TRYING.

CAN I REALLY TELL RAKU...

...HOW I FEEL ABOUT HIM?

WOW.

THAT'S HOW CRAZY MY DAD WAS FOR MY MOM.

I CAN BARELY EVEN PRETEND!

CAN I EVER BE AS BRAVE AS HIM?

THUD

OW!!

HEY, CHITOGE!

HEADS UP!!

HUH?

HMM ?

SHUT UP!!

LEAVE ME ALONE!!

YOU'RE SUCH A CHILD.

SHUP

HUH?

IS SOMETHING BOTHERING YOU?

SHUT UP!!

WELL, WHO SPACES OUT AND WALKS INTO A SIGN, ANYWAY?!

...I'M HERE IF YOU WANNA TALK ABOUT IT.

IF IT WOULD HELP...

IT JUST SEEMS LIKE SOMETHING'S ON YOUR MIND LATELY.

HEY...

ARE WE KIND OF HAVING A MOMENT HERE?

THAT'S KINDA NICE.

HE NOTICED?

NAH. I'M FINE.

OKAY.

CHITOGE...

...SINCE YOU CAME TO JAPAN AND WE BEGAN OUR FALSE RELATIONSHIP.

YOU KNOW, IT'S BEEN OVER A YEAR...

IF I LIKE HIM, I SHOULD DO IT!

B-BMP

DO I REALLY LIKE HIM?

IF I DO IT, WILL THINGS CHANGE?

B-BMP

STILL... THAT DOESN'T MEAN I HAVE TO TELL HIM!!

I CAN'T!!

I CAN'T HOLD IT IN ANY-MORE!!

BUT...

I GUESS SO. ANY-WAY...

THIS IS MY CHANCE!

B-BMP

NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN.

IT'S JUST WEIRD TO THINK ABOUT.

DO YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH HOW THINGS ARE?

OH, REAL-LY?

IT'S KINDA SCARY TO BE USED TO SUCH A WEIRD SITUATION.

I'VE GOTTEN USED TO IT.

CRAZY, HUH?

BESIDES, YOU WERE PISSED WE HAD TO DO THIS, RIGHT?

I'M PRETTY MUCH TOTALLY DEFENSE-LESS.

HOLD UP!

IT WAS YOUR FAULT ALL OF THOSE TIMES!!

LIKE YOU HITTING ME...AND HITTING ME...AND HITTING ME...

SO MUCH HAS HAPPENED.

WHAT DID I DO?

ANYWAY, WE'RE NOT EVEN HALFWAY THROUGH.

DON'T MAKE ME KICK YOUR BUTT.

I DON'T SEE A LADY.

HELLO? I'M A LADY!

AN ADULT?!

WELL, I'VE ACCEPTED IT.

SINCE I'M AN ADULT AND ALL...

WE'LL GET THROUGH IT.

WE'VE JUST GOT TO TAKE IT DAY BY DAY.

YEAH... BUT THERE'S NO POINT IN THINKING ABOUT THAT.

I JUST WANT TO BE AROUND HIM MORE.

?

I SEE NOW.

NOTH-ING.

WAIT, WHAT?

THERE'S REALLY NO HURRY.

RIGHT.

TAKE IT DAY BY DAY?

FWSH

OH.

...ONE DAY I'LL BE READY TO TELL HIM. JUST LIKE MY DAD.

AND IF I KEEP FEELING THIS WAY...

SHOULD WE GET GOING?

THAT'S HOW I FEEL.

SURE.

WHEN THE TIME IS RIGHT...

NEVER MIND.

NOTH-ING.

WHEN THAT TIME COMES...

HEY, RAKU!

MY TREAT.

NOT THAT YOU DESERVE IT.

WANT TO GO HAVE RAMEN WITH ME?

WAIT.

THERE IS SOME-THING.

WHAT'S WITH YOU TODAY?

BASH

SHUT UP!!

Ouch!

IT'S JUST UNLIKE YOU, IS ALL...

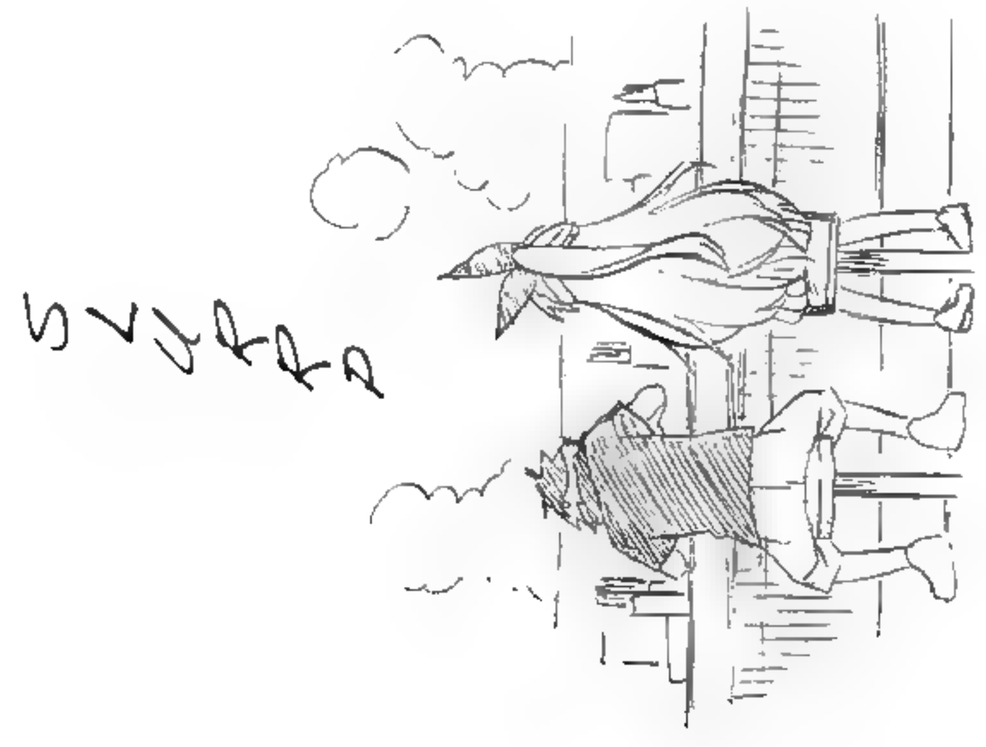
WHERE'RE YOUR MANNERS, YOU STUPID BEAN SPROUT?

WHY WOULD YOU SAY THAT?

WHAT?!

WHAT'S COME OVER YOU? ARE YOU SICK OR SOMETHING?

HUH?



CHATTER CHATTER

YAP YAP

SWEETS SYUEI

Chapter 101: Cake Shop

CHATTER CHATTER

IT'S THAT NEW CAKE SHOP ACROSS THE STREET.

MOM'S FURIOUS AT THEM FOR STEALING OUR CUSTOMERS.

GEE, WE HAVEN'T HAD A LOT OF CUSTOMERS LATELY.

WHAT NERVE! HOW COULD THEY SET UP A CAKE SHOP RIGHT ACROSS THE STREET FROM US?!

TAK

TAK

THIS IS WAR!

DON'T JUST STAND THERE CHATTING, YOU TWO!

STOMP STOMP STOMP

HOW COME YOU'RE ALWAYS SO QUICK TO PICK A FIGHT?

WHAT?!

NO, MOM!

KOSAKI! HARU! LET'S GO!

WE'RE GOING TO GET A LOOK AT THE ENEMY FACE-TO-FACE!

FLING

WELCOME!

TING-A LING

DON'T WORRY!

I JUST WANT TO TAKE A LOOK!

FORWARD MARCH!

STOMP STOMP STOMP

HELLO...

OH...

HUH?

I'M OPENING THE CAKE SHOP I ALWAYS DREAMED OF!!

IT'S REALLY HAPPEN-ING!!

IT ALL STARTED THREE DAYS AGO...

YOUNG MASTER! I GOT NEWS!

I OWE IT ALL TO YOU, MASTER! THANKS FER ALL YER HELP...

WOW, CONGRATULA-TIONS! I GUESS ALL THOSE LATE NIGHTS OF BAKING PAID OFF!

Yer the best!

SNIFF

SNIFF

FOR REAL?!

YEP!!

THAT'S GREAT! YOU ALWAYS SAID THAT WAS YOUR DREAM!

OH, IT'S IN A GREAT LOCATION. THE ONLY THING IS...

SO, WHERE'S THE SHOP?

THERE'S THIS JAPANESE SWEET SHOP ACROSS THE STREET...

NO PROBLEM! LEAVE IT TO ME!

BUT HERE'S THE THING. I'M GONNA NEED HELP WHEN WE FIRST OPEN. I AIN'T GOT ENOUGH HELP YET.

IF YOU COULD LEND A HAND, YOU'RE WORTH A HUNDRED OTHER GUYS...

UM

PTOOEY

TWITCH

UM, WE CERTAINLY HAD NO INTENTION OF TRYING TO HURT YOUR BUSINESS...

SO, THAT'S THE STORY.

WHSH

BUT MOM...

LET'S GO, GIRLS.

TING-A-LING

EEEEK!!

GLARE!

DON'T YOU DARE DARKEN OUR DOORSTEP EVER AGAIN!

GRRRRRR

DON'T WORRY, YOUNG MASTER! WE'LL DRIVE THAT MOLDY OLD SHOP RIGHT OUTTA BUSINESS!

HA! THEY MARCHED RIGHT IN TO CHECK US OUT, HUH?

YAY!

I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD DO THAT!!

MAS-TER?

WERE THEY FROM THE SWEET SHOP ACROSS THE STREET?

I JUST WANTED TO HELP OUT ONE OF THE GUYS...

AUGH! WHY IS THIS HAPPEN-ING?!

I can't believe we're rivals with Onodera's family!

WELL, YOU KNOW, ICHIJO DOESN'T ACTUALLY WORK FOR US...

He's not exactly a double agent.

TAP TAP TAP

GAH!

THAT LITTLE TURNCOAT! I NEVER HAD HIM PEGGED FOR A DOUBLE AGENT!

BLRFF!!

EXCUSE ME...

TING-A-LING

WELCOME!

I DON'T WANNA STEAL CUSTOMERS FROM THE ONODERA SHOP, BUT I WANT THIS PLACE TO DO WELL TOO.

NOW WHAT?

IS THERE A WAY?

SHE LOOKS AMAZING!!

SWISH

IS THIS SOME KIND OF TACTIC?!

LET'S SEE.

HOW CAN I HELP YOU?

UH...

MRS. ONODERA?!

YES...

IS THAT FOR HERE?

TURN-COAT.

PSST

OKAY...

MORON.

PSST

PLEASE HAVE A SEAT WHEREVER YOU LIKE.

ONE PIECE OF CHOCOLATE CAKE, PLEASE.

TRAITOR.

PSST

GLARE

THANK YOU...

SCUZZ-BAG.

PSST

THANK YOU FOR WAITING.

KTUNK

JOLT

?!

OH MY!

WHAT'S THIS?!

FIDDLE FIDDLE

OH, MAN... I DON'T BELIEVE IT.

SHE'S UP TO NO GOOD!

THIS WAS IN MY CAKE!

LOOK AT THIS!

FETCH THE MANAGER!!

WHAT?

?!

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?! THIS CAKE HAS SOMETHING IN IT!!

EEEK!

WHAT IS THAT?!

PLEASE! IT'S SO OBVIOUS SHE COOKED THIS UP!

HOW ELSE COULD A RICE CAKE GET IN THERE?!

THERE WAS A HUGE RICE CAKE INSIDE!

OH, C'MON! THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!!

SHAH

HEY, YER THAT LADY FROM THE JAPANESE SWEET SHOP!

WHAT IS THIS, A JOKE?

WELL? JUST WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO ABOUT THIS?

CAME HERE TO MAKE TROUBLE, HUH?

YEP. HE'S STUNNED.

STARE

WELL, DUH! IT'S UNBELIEV-ABLE!

A rice cake?

I KNOW!!

A JAPANESE SWEET INSIDE A PIECE OF CAKE?

HEY, WAIT A SEC!

WHAT NOW?

OH, NO. THIS IS GETTING WORSE AND WORSE.

YAP YAP YAP

CUSTOMERS WILL FLOCK TO BOTH SHOPS! IT'S WIN-WIN!

A PRODUCT THAT SHOWCASES THE STRENGTHS OF BOTH WESTERN CAKES AND TRADITIONAL JAPANESE SWEETS!

THIS COULD BE IT!!

TA-DAA!

HOW ABOUT A NEW TYPE OF WESTERN-STYLE CAKE THAT INCORPORATES TRADITIONAL JAPANESE FLAVORS LIKE WASANBON SUGAR, SWEET BEANS, AND ROASTED SOY FLOUR?

FWHOOOOOO~

Onodera

TA-DAAA!

THE NEXT DAY...

SWEETS SYUEI

CHATTER CHATTER

YAP YAP

HEY, YOUNG MASTER! YOUR FUSION CAKE'S SELLING LIKE CRAZY!

Way to go!!

One fusion cake, please!

Me too!

THIS WASN'T THE PLAN!

OH NO!

KEEEY!!

GRRRRRRR

THAT LITTLE WEASEL...

THEIR SHOP IS MOBBED!

YAP YAP

THAT TOTALLY BACKFIRED!!

...ELIMINATES THE NEED FOR JAPANESE SWEETS!

APPARENTLY, USING THE FLAVORS OF JAPANESE SWEETS IN WESTERN CAKES...

H-HI!

WELCOME!

HUH?

WE WON'T STAND FOR THIS!

C'MON, GIRLS!!

HUH?

WERE THEIR UNIFORMS ALWAYS THIS CUTE?

THEY'RE LOOKING KIND OF SKIMPY!

PLEASE TAKE ONE!

NEW JAPANESE SWEETS FOR SPRING-TIME!

Argh!

THIS IS EMBAR-RASSING, SIS!

I KNOW. HANG IN THERE.

WHAT THE...!?!

ONODERA? WHAT'S WITH THE OUTFITS?

OH! ICHIJO!

JOLT

THOSE VIXENS! WE'LL PUT THEM OUT OF BUSINESS!

ER... OR MAYBE NOT? HA HA HA!

THEY KNOW THEY CAN'T COMPETE BASED ON QUALITY!

WHATTA DIRTY MANEU-VER!

...SHE'S GOING TO KEEP MAKING THE UNIFORMS SKIMPIER...

BUT MOM SAYS THAT IF SALES KEEP FALLING...

I'm kinda worried.

I DON'T BELIEVE THIS!!

IT ACTUALLY SEEMS TO BE WORKING...

MOM SAID THEY'D ATTRACT CUSTOMERS.

SHOCK-ER....

WE SHOULD DO THE OPPOSITE- GO SUPER WESTERN-STYLE.

I GUESS INFRINGING ON THEIR STYLE WAS THE WRONG APPROACH.

OKAY.

KNEAD KNEAD

TMP TMP

THAT SOUNDS GREAT!

I MEAN, NO!

I HAVE TO HELP HER!

I DON'T WANT ONODERA TO BE EMBARRASSED!

TWEET

CHIRP

SHOOP

NEW PRODUCT

...WE CAN DO WELL, AND SO CAN THEY!

IF WE MAKE DELICIOUS WESTERN-STYLE CAKES...

UUHOOOO—

Japanese Confections
Onodera

SHFF SHFF

TAAA—DAA!

YAP YAP

SWEETS SYUEI

CHATTER CHATTER

...

RATS. I SHOULD BE HAPPY...

...BUT I FEEL TERRIBLE INSTEAD.

SLAM!

HUH?

WILL YOU COME ON FULL TIME AFTER HIGH SCHOOL?

HOW 'BOUT IT, YOUNG MASTER?

It's like-a dream!

GAH! THAT'S NOT THE ISSUE HERE!!

YOUR CAKES ARE A SMASH, YOUNG MASTER!

WE CAN'T KEEP 'EM STOCKED!!

HOLY SMOKES! THEY'RE FLYING OFF THE SHELVES!

Hurry, hurry!

DEEDLE DEEDLE DEE

DEEDLE DEEDLE DEE

AIEE!!

GRRRR

SQUISH

GRRRR

WHAT'S UP?

I KINDA HAVE A PROBLEM, AND I NEED ADVICE.

HI, RAKU... SORRY, BUT DO YOU HAVE A MINUTE?

BEEP

A CALL FROM ONO-DERA?!

Phone Call

B-BMP

Kosaki Onodera

OH!

MY MOM WANTS TO SEND US OUT IN SWIMSUITS TOMORROW TO ATTRACT CUSTOMERS...

!?AAAAAT

FWAAAA

AWESOME!!

I MEAN... NO!!

BESIDES, I DON'T WANT EVERYONE IN TOWN TO SEE ONODERA IN HER SWIMSUIT!

I CAN'T LET THIS HAPPEN TO ONODERA!

I REALLY DON'T WANT TO. IT'S SO EMBARRASSING!

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

SWIMSUITS?

SWIM...





HOW CAN I HELP?

I'M SORRY, ICHIJO.

I KNOW THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO...

BUT WHAT CAN I DO?

HUH?

I HAVE AN IDEA.

WILL YOU HELP ME, ONODERA?

...FEATURING TRADITIONAL JAPANESE ELEMENTS IN A WESTERN-STYLE CAKE.

THIS IS THE FUSION CAKE FROM THE SHOP ACROSS THE STREET...

WHERE IS THIS CAKE FROM?

CHATTER CHATTER

WELCOME!

PLEASE HAVE A LOOK!

YAP YAP

IT'S EXTREMELY POPULAR!

YUM! DELI-CIOUS!

AND THIS IS...

WE'RE OFFERING BOTH DESERTS TOGETHER AS A SPECIAL JOINT PACKAGE. FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY!

Made from traditional ingredients!

WESTERN CAKE-STYLE JAPANESE CONFEC-TIONS!

...A NEW SPECIALTY PRODUCT FROM THE ONODERA CONFECTION SHOP!

OH! I'VE HEARD ABOUT THIS!!

YOU GOTTA LET ME HIRE YOU.

YOUR IDEA'S A SMASH HIT, MASTER!

Don't waste your genius!

I WANT TO BE A CIVIL SERVANT.

RICH OVER-TONES, BUT WITH A LIGHT, AIRY FEEL!

SUCH A HAR-MONIOUS BLEND!

AMAZING! PERFECTLY NUANCED DELICATE SWEETNESS!

DELICIOUS!!

YAP YAP

YAP YAP

WITH ONODERA'S TALENT FOR PRESENTA-TION...

...IT WAS A BIGGER SUCCESS THAN I'D HOPED.

...AND HARU HELPED MAKE IT.

I CAME UP WITH THE RECIPE...

WELL, WE PULLED IT OFF!

ABOUT YOU DOING THE COOKING AND ME DOING THE PRESEN-TATION?

HEY, REMEMBER WHAT YOU SAID THAT ONE TIME?

AND SO, IT SEEMED THE TROUBLE WAS OVER.

?

SLUMP!

NOW BOTH SHOPS HAVE MORE BUSINESS THAN EVER.

WHAT EXACTLY ARE YOU SAYING?

SIS?

HUH?

HUH?!

SMILE

...COULD RUN A GREAT SWEET SHOP TOGETHER.

I BET YOU AND I...

OMG OMG OMG

Oh, C'mon! Don't sulk, Mom!

TALK ABOUT TACKY!!

I REFUSE TO TASTE IT!!

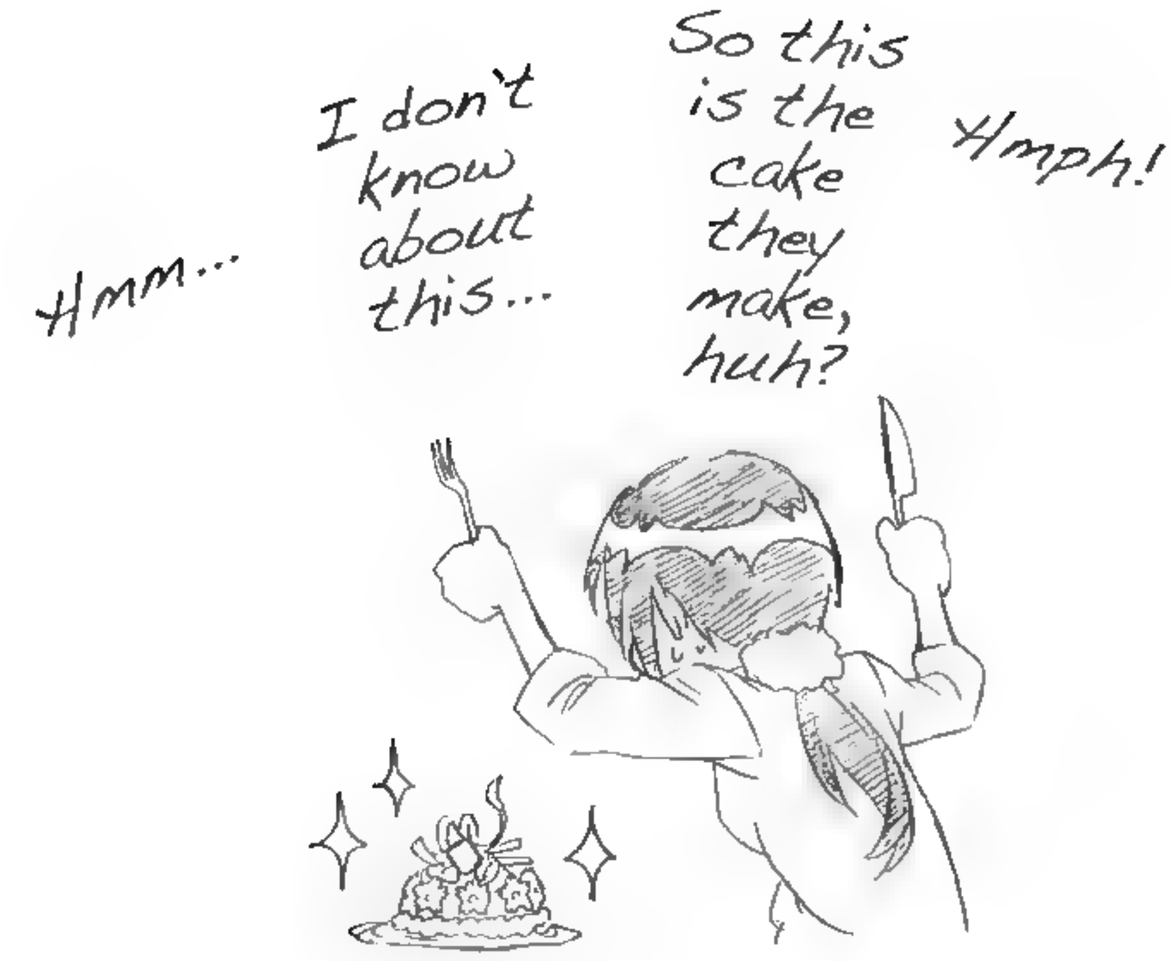
Fooey!!

BOOOOO!

I didn't mean... N-n- no!

I know! I know you didn't mean that!

WAAAHHH


Hmm...
I don't know about this...
So this is the cake they make, huh?
Hmph!

SWIMMING IS MY HOBBY.

I NEVER REALLY CARED ABOUT WINNING...

SPLISH

I'VE ALWAYS LIKED TO SWIM...

PLUS IT'S GOOD EXERCISE. THAT'S WHY I JOINED THE SWIM TEAM.

LET ALONE THE NATIONAL CHAMPION-SHIPS.

Let's Win Nationals!!

Chapter 102: Cheer

CHATTER CHATTER

Regional Tournament

YAY YAY

OF COURSE WE CAME!

BUT IF YOU WIN THIS MEET, YOU GO TO NATIONALS!

SO WHAT?

I TOLD YOU NOT TO BOTHER.

HEH HEH...

WE CAME TO WATCH! ♡

THANKS...

GUESS I MIGHT AS WELL CHEER FOR YOU SINCE I'M HERE.

I JUST CAME TO SEE MY BELOVED RAKU!

Leggo!

Augh!

UH... THANKS...

GOOD LUCK, MIYAMOTO!

LOOK! WE WERE UP ALL NIGHT MAKING THIS!

Go, Ruri!!

Whisper...

DON'T YOU HAVE YOUR OWN WORRIES TO ATTEND TO?

KOSAKI, SHOULD YOU REALLY BE WORRYING ABOUT CHEERING ON OTHER PEOPLE?

GET LOST.

WHY, MY DEAREST RURI, I WOULDN'T MISS IT FOR THE WORLD!

WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?

YOU'RE ALWAYS THE ONE SUPPORTING ME, RURI!

LET ME DO THIS, OKAY?

GRIN

I DON'T GET THIS KIND OF CHANCE VERY OFTEN!

NO...

I JUST WANT TO SUPPORT YOU TODAY!

I THOUGHT OUR SWIM TEAM WAS KINDA WEAK.

THEY WERE UNTIL RURI JOINED!

They're in the running for nationals?

WOW. MIYAMOTO'S REALLY GOOD, ISN'T SHE?

GO CRAZY.

FINE.

OKAY!

BESIDES, SHE SAYS SHE DOESN'T REALLY CARE ABOUT THAT STUFF.

SOUNDS LIKE MIYA-MOTO.

WELL, I SUG-GESTED IT.

WHY'D SHE CHOOSE OURS?

REAL-LY?

SHE WON PILES OF TROPHIES IN JUNIOR HIGH.

LOTS OF SCHOOLS TRIED TO RECRUIT HER!

RURI'S REALLY AMAZING!

SHE GOES BY THE NICK-NAME...

..."THE FLYING FISH OF UKARI HIGH"!

THEY'RE THE FAVORITES TO WIN TODAY'S MEET!

OH!

THE COMPETITION LOOKS PRETTY TOUGH.

I DUNNO ...

CHECK OUT THAT GIRL!

EEK!
EEK!
THERE SHE IS...
EEEEEEK!
BUT MOST OF ALL...
WOW. WHAT A NICK-NAME!
THAT ONE OVER THERE'S "THE MAN-EATING SHARK OF OTORI GIRLS' HIGH."
SHE HOLDS ALL KINDS OF RECORDS!
SPORTY GIRLS SURE ARE HOT!
WHAT A SEXY BOD!
...
I can't take it!!
THE BIG FISH HERSELF!
THE REIGNING CHAMPION, KNOWN AS "THE WATER BUTTERFLY OF SHIKARI GIRLS' HIGH"...
MISS HANEKO CHONOUCHI!!
WATER BUTTER-FLY? THAT'S NOT EVEN MARINE LIFE!
BUT... THERE'S ONE OTHER FAMOUS SWIMMER HERE.
OH?

I'M LOOKING FOR THE SWIMMER KNOWN AS "THE MERMAID OF BONYARI HIGH."

IS SHE HERE TODAY?

EXCUSE ME.

I HAVE A QUES-TION.

DO YOU GO TO BONYARI HIGH SCHOOL?

I'D REALLY LIKE TO MAKE HER ACQUAIN-TANCE...

I HEARD SHE JOINED BONYARI HIGH'S WEAK TEAM.

A GIRL BY THE NAME OF MIYAMOTO WHO BLEW AWAY ALL THE RECORDS IN JUNIOR HIGH.

WHAT ?!

YOU...

HUH?

I'M MIYAMOTO.

Mermaid?

EXCUSE ME. THAT JUST SLIPPED OUT.

IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU.

Mm-hmm!

SHUT UP!!

DON'T TELL ME SWIMMING DID THAT TO YOU!

NO RACK... NO WAIST...

BUT... YOU'RE SUCH A SCRAWNY, PLAIN LITTLE THING!

THE MERMAID ?!

YOU'RE MIYA-MOTO...

OH! THEN I GUESS IN THE FREESTYLE RACE, YOU'LL BE SWIMMING...

BUTTER-FLY?

YOU MAY HAVE HEARD OF ME.

THEY CALL ME "THE WATER BUTTER-FLY."

MY NAME'S HANEKO CHONOUCHI.

NOT THE BUTTERFLY?!

I'LL BE SWIMMING THE CRAWL.

YES, OF COURSE...

MINI-FACTOID

YOU CAN SWIM ANY STROKE IN THE FREESTYLE RACE, BUT ALMOST EVERYONE SWIMS THE CRAWL. IT'S FASTEST!

Oh.

PEOPLE ARE DRAWN TO MY CHARISMA, I SUPPOSE.

EEK— EEK—

YOU'RE SO AMAZING!!

HEH.

YOU'RE CERTAINLY POPULAR.

I'M GLAD WE MET.

I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING WHAT YOU CAN DO, MERMAID.

EEK ♥

EEK ♥

HANE-KOOO! ♥

EEK

IT'S NOT LIKE HAVING A BUNCH OF CHEERING FANS MAKES A DIFFERENCE.

WHO CARES?

Go, Ruri!

I CAN'T HELP NOTICING...

...YOUR LITTLE GROUP OF SUPPORTERS SEEMS RATHER PALTRY.

LADIES AND GENTLE-MEN!

THE WOMEN'S 400-METER FREESTYLE PRELIMINARY HEAT IS ABOUT TO BEGIN!

ON YOUR MARK!

High School Swimming Nationals

SUP-PORTERS MEAN A LOT!

SOUR GRAPES!

I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT I MEAN.

YAAAY!

HANEKOOO!!

EEK

YA AAA AA AY

YAA AAA AY

GET SET...

BLAM!

AND NOW...

THE RESULTS ARE IN.

FIRST PLACE, PRELIMINARY HEAT: HANEKO CHONOUCHI...

SECOND PLACE, RURI MIYAMOTO!!

HOOOOO RAY!

HA! SOUR GRAPES AGAIN!

WONDER IF YOU'LL SAY THE SAME THING AFTER THE FINALS!

I HAVE NOTHING TO SAY.

AND I'M NOT DISAPPOINTED.

DISAPPOINTED? GO AHEAD. SAY SOMETHING!

YOU'RE NOT ALL THAT AFTER ALL, MERMAID.

YAAAY YAAAY YAAAY

WE'LL CHEER LOUDER NEXT TIME!!

SECOND PLACE IS PRETTY GOOD!

C'MON ...

RATS! SHE LOST!

HANEKO!!

YOU'RE AMAZING!

EEK ♥

YAAAY YAAAY

KTUNK

TAKE THIS!

TUNK

SHE THINKS SHE'S SO GREAT!

THAT CHONOUCHI... LOOK AT HER!

FW?!

OOP!!

EEK

KA

FWUMP

!!

HEY!!

RESPONDING TO YOUR FANS IS PART OF AN ATHLETE'S JOB!

...

DON'T YOU THINK YOU GET A LITTLE TOO DISTRACTED BY YOUR CHEERING SECTION?

...

NOTHING.

WHAT'S WRONG?

?!

NHN ...!

FORGET IT.

I GUESS I SHOULD THANK YOU.

Girls' Changing Room

GREAT.

HEY, RURI!

OH!

GUESS I'LL HAVE TO WITHDRAW.

SWIMMING'S JUST A HOBBY ANYWAY.

THERE'S NO REASON TO FORCE IT.

WE'RE GOING TO CHEER EVEN HARDER!

GOOD LUCK IN THE FINALS, RURI!

THAT'S REALLY NOT NECES-SARY.

WHAT'RE YOU DOING IN HERE?

KOSAKI...

FIDGET

RURI...

I WANT TO SEE YOU SWIM IN THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP!

YOU REALLY DIDN'T NEED TO COME AND CHEER.

I DON'T CARE ABOUT NATIONALS.

SWIMMING'S JUST A HOBBY.

YOU KNOW...

WE CAN'T HELP CHEERING FOR YOU!

...YOU LOOK AMAZING WHEN YOU'RE SWIMMING!

...

OH, BOY.

TAK TAK TAK TAK

I'LL BE ROOTING FOR YOU!

OOPS. TIME TO GO!

YOU'RE GOING TO SWIM?

WITH A SPRAINED ANKLE?

YOU'RE IN THE WAY.

WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?

I HAVE TO.

THE WOMEN'S FINAL FREE-STYLE HEAT IS ABOUT TO BEGIN!

I CAN'T LET DOWN MY SUPPORTERS.

I DIDN'T ASK YOU TO CATCH ME BACK THERE!

DON'T EXPECT ME TO FEEL RESPONSI-BLE!

LOOK...

SHOOP

FLIP

YOU'RE GOING TO SEE...

...A DIFFERENT SIDE OF ME NOW.

DON'T WORRY. I DON'T.

YOU'D BETTER SWIM WITH EVERYTHING YOU'VE GOT.

?!

GLUB

WHA...

WHAT THE...?!

BANG

SPLOOSH!!

ON YOUR MARK!

...?

GET SET...

THE BUTTER-FLY STROKE ?!

JOLT!!!

SHE SWAM CRAWL IN THE PRELIM!

NO WAY!!

WHAT A GORGEOUS...

...DOLPHIN KICK!

SHE'S FAST!

BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY ...

NORMALLY I DON'T HEAR ANYONE'S CHEERING.

BUT I REALLY HEAR IT TODAY.

TAK!

WEIRD...

GO, RURI!!

GOOOO!!

SO THAT'S WHY THEY CALL HER THE MERMAID!

I SEE IT NOW!

FIRST PLACE...

RURI MIYAMOTO OF BONYARI HIGH SCHOOL!

HOOO RAAAAA!

AAAAAAH!!

YOU'RE SO AMAZING! YOU WON THE FINAL HEAT!

RURI!!!!!

URG...

I CAN'T BREATHE, KOSAKI ...

CONGRATULATIONS, RURI! I'M SO EXCITED FOR YOU!!

YAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAY

UH... OKAY ...

I'M GOING TO COME AND CHEER FOR YOU AT NATION-ALS TOO!

YOU DID? HOORAY !!

YIPPEEE !!!

UH... YEAH...

DIDJA HEAR ME, RURI? DIDJA?

I CHEERED AT THE TOP OF MY LUNGS!

PLUS ...

...AFTER SEEING HOW BEAUTI-FULLY YOU SWIM THAT STROKE.

I'LL HAVE TO DITCH THE NICKNAME WATER BUTTERFLY...

?

HEY, MERMAID...

YOU CREAMED ME OUT THERE.

Ooh!

Yikes! ...

...THAT YOU DO HAVE QUITE A CHEERING SECTION.

RUR!!!!!

I SEE NOW...

EVERY NOW AND THEN.

WELL...

I GUESS HAVING SUPPORTERS ISN'T SO BAD...

S-stop!!

HIP HIP HOORAY!!
HIP HIP HOORAY!!

I'm s'posed to be the main character!!

Hey... I was barely in this chapter!

WHO ASKED YOU?!

DON'T YOU THINK YOU SHOULD DRINK A BIT MORE MILK?

ER... THAT SAID...


LET'S WIN NATION
DESTROY!!
Yeesh...

I HATE CARROTS!!

Chapter 103: Overcoming

I CAN LIVE WITHOUT CARROTS.

COME ON, PAULA! DON'T BE SO PICKY!

YOU WON'T GET STRONG IF YOU DON'T EAT PROPERLY!

PAULA...

YES?

I JUST DON'T LIKE 'EM, OKAY?

POUT

FOR CRYING OUT LOUD!

AND YOU CALL YOURSELF A BEEHIVE ASSASSIN?!

OR NO TREATS!

TOMOR-ROW, I WANT YOU TO CON-QUER ALL OF YOUR HANG-UPS...

?!

SO YOU SEE...

I SEE.

I'D BE GLAD TO. YOU'VE DONE A LOT FOR ME.

IT'S A BIT TOO MUCH FOR ME TO HANDLE ALONE...

...SO, UH, I FIGURED MAYBE YOU COULD HELP.

HMPH!

YOU TWO REALLY THINK I CAN'T EAT CARROTS?

WELL, I HAVE A FEW IDEAS...

HOW DO YOU GET OVER STUFF YOU DON'T LIKE?

I DON'T HAVE THESE ISSUES, SO I REALLY HAVE NO IDEA.

AAAAHHH...

THEN SHOW US.

NO SWEAT!

OF COURSE I CAN!

I JUST DON'T WANT TO!

YOU MEAN, YOU CAN?

WHO CARES?! I GET PLENTY OF NUTRITION!

WELL, SHEESH! WHY ARE CARROTS SUCH A BIG DEAL?

BLECH!!!

WHAT ARE YOU, A CHILD?

TOSS

CHOMP

THAT'S THE OLDEST TRICK IN THE BOOK!

I SAW THAT.

So obvi-ous!

HERE'S AN IDEA.

I MADE COOKIES WITH GRATED CARROTS IN THEM.

GOOD QUES-TION.

I MADE SOME WITH CARROTS, SOME WITHOUT...

?

WILL SHE EAT THEM?

SNIFF SNIFF SNIFF

SNIFF SNIFF SNIFF

STARE...

HERE SHE COMES!

WELL, SHE'S PRETTY INTUITIVE, YOU KNOW.

SHE SUSSED OUT THE ONES WITH NO CARROTS IN THEM.

THIS IS GOING TO BE TOUGH.

NOM NOM NOM

CHOMP CHOMP

THE FOODS SHE LIKES ARE CURRY, HAMBURGERS, AND RICE OMELETS.

SHE HATES GREEN PEPPERS, TOMATOES, MUSHROOMS... PRETTY MUCH EVERY VEGETABLE...

MAYBE WE SHOULD START WITH SOMETHING EASIER.

WHAT ELSE DOESN'T SHE LIKE?

AND SHE'S IN HIGH SCHOOL? GOOD GRIEF!

What a pain!

WELL...

OH, RIGHT... I REMEMBER THAT SHE CAN'T SWIM.

I WAS HOPING WE COULD CONQUER THEM ALL AT ONCE.

NOT ONLY IS SHE A PICKY EATER, SHE'S GOT LOTS OF OTHER AVERSIONS TOO.

1st Year Math

TA-DAAA-AAA!!

WELL...

WHAT ELSE?

SHE'S BEYOND MY HELP.

HONESTLY, I DON'T KNOW ANYONE WHO'S A BETTER TUTOR THAN YOU...

TSU-GUMI...

EVEN WITH YOUR HELP, SHE'S GETTING SCORES LIKE THIS?

HUMPH! WHO CARES ABOUT THOSE STUPID PIECES OF PAPER!

Zero points? That's pretty rare...

I DON'T THINK WE CAN SOLVE ALL THESE ISSUES IN ONE DAY.

ONE OTHER THING...

IT'S HOPELESS!

THIS HOPELESS GIRL'S SAYING HOPELESS STUFF!

I JUST CHOOSE NOT TO WASTE MY ENERGY ON STUFF THAT'S USELESS.

SCHOOLWORK DOESN'T MATTER WHEN YOU GROW UP ANYWAY!

What's the point?

YEAH... YOU WOULD THINK SO, BUT...

BUT I THOUGHT SHE'S COORDINATED AND ATHLETIC!

SHE CAN'T RIDE A BIKE?

WHAT?!

I CAN RIDE A BIKE, BLACK TIGER!

VWOOSH

NO SWEAT! CHECK IT OUT!

I RIDE EVERY DAY!

WANT TO SEE ME RIDE AROUND?

HEH HEH...

SEE? PIECE OF CAKE!

TINKER TINKER

YEAH, BUT...

YOU CAN'T ALWAYS JUST JUMP AROUND ROOFTOPS.

It can cause prob-lems.

I CAN GO FASTER ON FOOT ANYHOW!

SO WHAT IF I CAN'T RIDE A BIKE!

KRASH!

HA!

DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH!

I'M NOT CRAZY ABOUT THEM EITHER, ACTUALLY.

THIS IS A BIT DIFFERENT, BUT SHE CAN'T HANDLE SCARY STORIES.

THAT'S KID STUFF ANYWAY!

LET'S SEE, WHAT ELSE...

Hmm...

WHAT?! THERE'S MORE?!

That's a lot already...

HEY, HAVE YOU TWO HEARD?

THERE WAS A FATAL ACCIDENT AT THIS RAILWAY CROSSING ONCE.

A LITTLE GIRL WAS KILLED.

THE MOST FAMOUS IS...

...THE BLOODSTAIN FROM THE ACCIDENT. IT WON'T WASH AWAY, NO MATTER WHAT.

YOU CAN STILL SEE IT OVER THERE ON THE TRACKS.

EVER SINCE THEN...

...PEOPLE SEE STRANGE THINGS HERE EVERY NOW AND THEN.

EEEEEK!!

CLAP !!!

RIGHT OVER THERE.

SEE IT?

RIGHT.

RATS ...

WELL, ANY-WAY...

WE'LL JUST HAVE TO TACKLE ONE THING AT A TIME.

I MADE IT UP! ALL OF IT!

HAHH

HAHH

HAHH

HAHH

I'M SORRY! I'M SORRY!

GRRRRR

Look! I'm doing it!

WOBBLE

WOBBLE

You're halfway there...

AA...AAH——

I boiled them nice and sweet. You can do it.

SHAKKA SHAKKA

HUH?

BUT THERE'S ONE LAST THING...

SHE'S REALLY MAKING AN EFFORT.

MAYBE THIS IS DOABLE AFTER ALL!

MAY-BE.

THIS STINKS!

I'M EXHAUSTED!

YOU OKAY, PAULA?

...SO DON'T FORGET!

YOU'RE ALL GETTING VACCINATIONS TODAY AFTER SCHOOL...

OKAY, CLASS!

REMEMBER WHAT DAY THIS IS?

SHOOP

PAULA ?!

VOOSH

HUH?

PAULA RAN AWAY!

I NEED YOUR HELP, RAKU ICHIJO!

HELLO, TSU-GUMI? WHAT'S UP?

VRRR VRRR

SHE'S REALLY JUST LIKE A LITTLE KID.

IT TOOK FORTY BEEHIVE GUYS TO HOLD HER DOWN LAST TIME SHE HAD TO GET A SHOT!

PAULA HATES SHOTS MORE THAN ANYTHING !!

APPARENTLY, THE FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS ARE ALL GETTING SHOTS AFTER SCHOOL TODAY.

I'M RUNNING AN ERRAND FOR THE MISTRESS SO I CAN'T DO IT!

IT'S ONE THING TO BE A PICKY EATER, BUT VACCINATIONS ARE SUPER IMPORTANT!

I NEED YOUR HELP! CAN YOU FIND HER AND BRING HER BACK?

WHAT? HOW DO YOU EXPECT ME TO DO THAT?!

OH...

YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING.

THAT'S WHERE SHE GOES TO BE ALONE.

LOOK IN HIGH-UP PLACES.

WOULD YOU TRACK HER DOWN FOR ME?

FLAP

FLAP

SHE'S LIKE A FRIGHT-ENED CAT!

DANG.

GRRRR

TWITCH

HEY!

OH...

EVEN DOWN HERE, THERE'S NO WAY I CAN COMPETE WITH HER AGILITY...

EVEN IF I CLIMBED UP THERE, SHE'D HAVE NO PROBLEM GIVING ME THE SLIP.

HOW'M I SUPPOSED TO CATCH HER?

I DON'T LIKE SHOTS! WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT?!

I DIDN'T SAY ANY-THING YET.

...

RRRING

RRRING

RRRING

TWITCH

BUT, PAULA...

THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M WORRIED ABOUT. DO YOU REALIZE THE DANGER YOU'RE IN?

WHATCHA TALKIN' 'BOUT?

HUH?

IT'S INSANE!

YOU'D HAVE TO BE OUT OF YOUR MIND!!

WHO WANTS A METAL NEEDLE STUCK INTO THEIR BODY?!

YOU'RE GETTING A BIT CARRIED AWAY...

PANIC PANIC

HOW STUPID DO YOU THINK I AM?

YOU'RE MAKING THAT UP...

HUH?

HA HA...

I WISH I WAS MAKING IT UP.

UN-FORTUN-ATELY, IT'S TRUE.

VW HOOO

THAT SPOT.

A WOMAN COMMITTED SUICIDE FROM UP THERE JUST LAST MONTH.

SHAKRA

...AND THREW THEM-SELVES OFF.

ACCORDING TO WITNESSES, PEOPLE WHO NEVER GAVE ANY INDICATION OF BEING SUICIDAL SUDDENLY JUST CLIMBED THAT CHIMNEY LIKE ZOMBIES...

...AND THE MONTH BEFORE THAT, THE SAME THING HAPPENED.

THE SPOOKY PART IS, ON THE SAME DAY LAST MONTH, THE MONTH BEFORE...

EEEEEEEEEEEEK!!

AND TODAY JUST HAPPENS TO BE THAT DAY!!

THEIR GAZES WERE TOTALLY UNFOCUSED, ALMOST LIKE THEY WERE ASLEEP...

MONTH AFTER MONTH, ON EXACTLY THE SAME DAY.

SO KEEP YOUR EYES SHUT AND COME DOWN NICE AND SLOW...

...YOU CAN'T HELP JUMPING TO YOUR DEATH!

RUMOR HAS IT THAT IF YOU MAKE EYE CONTACT WITH THE GRIM REAPER...

Ngh...

Ngh...

DON'T PANIC... TAKE YOUR TIME...

TWITCH

JUST CLIMB DOWN, SLOWLY AND CAREFULLY!

STAY CALM NOW, OKAY?

SNIFFLE

OKAY...

AAAUGH!!

KERSPLASH

WHEN YOU GET TO THE BOTTOM, WALK BACKWARDS. SLOWLY...

GOTCHA!!

SLIP

AND NOW...

KEEP YOUR EYES CLOSED.

BLUB BLUB

I DON'T WANNA GET A SHOT!!

NOOOOO!!

YOU CAN STAND.

SPLASH SPLASH

CALM DOWN...

I MADE UP THE WHOLE THING.

YEP. I TRICKED YOU.

SPLOOSH

YOU TRICKED ME?!

GRRRRRR!!

SPLASH

SPLASH

Don't wannaaaa!

YIKES!

SHE'S BAWLING LIKE A BABY...

I'M SCARED! I DON'T WANNA!

I'LL EAT CARROTS OR ANYTHING YOU SAY...

PLEASE...

WAAAH WAAAH

I'LL GET A SHOT TOO.

I'LL GO WITH YOU.

HOW ABOUT THIS.

WHAT ARE YOU, STUPID?

YOU CAN'T GET A SHOT.

I'LL JUST BEG THEM TO GIVE ME A VITAMIN SHOT OR SOMETHING.

YOU CAN DO IT IF I CAN, RIGHT?

YEAH... YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT.

OKAY... IF YOU GO WITH ME...

...I'LL GO.

THAT DIDN'T HURT ONE BIT!!

TA-DAA!

YOU'RE AMAZING.

BLACK TIGER!

I'M IMPRESSED.

WHAT KIND OF MAGIC DID YOU USE?

NO MAGIC. JUST A SCARY STORY.

HUH?

I COULD'VE DONE THAT ALONE.

Hah!

SEE? TOLDJA.

Hey! Get back here!!

Nooo! Lemme go!!

Boys oh boy...

YOU'VE GOT ONE MORE TO GO!

WE'RE GIVING TWO SHOTS TODAY.

ER...

PARDON ME!


VOOSH!
Oops, sorry.
Actually, it's three shots.
←Paula

SKWAAK!

SKWAAK!

Chapter 104: Raku Dearest

THANK YOU! I OWE YOU FOR THIS!

OKAY! NO PROBLEM. I LOVE CARING FOR ANIMALS.

Leave it to me!

AND YOU NEED A PET SITTER?

I DIDN'T KNOW YOU HAD A PET PARROT, MARIKA!

WOW!

JUST FOR A DAY. I'M GOING ON A TRIP WITH MY FATHER.

YES.

WHAT'S HIS NAME?

SO...

OH!

THANKS FOR DOING THIS.

HERE'S THE INSTRUC-TIONS FOR HIS CARE.

Raku Dearest

Notes of Love

OKAY.

RIGHT?

HE'S QUITE CLEVER.

YES.

DOES HE TALK?

RIGHT!

THAT'S COOL!

He actually understood ?!

IT'S RAKU DEAREST! ♡

RAKU DEAREST! ♡

SO... WHAT'S HIS NAME?

...

IS THIS SUPPOSED TO BE FUNNY?

SCREECH

SKAWK

RAKU DEAREST?!

WHAT KIND OF A NAME IS THAT?!

THIS IS KINDA DEPRESSING.

DANG. HE SURE HAS A DUMB-LOOKING FACE.

SKREECH

SQUAWK ?

HEY, RAKU DEAREST!

RAKU DEAREST?

HUH?

WHAT? YOU GOT SOMETHING TO SAY?

AH... AH... AH...

RATTLE

RATTLE RATTLE

HOPE I CAN GET HIM TO TALK. I MEAN, THAT'S THE WHOLE POINT OF OWNING A PARROT, RIGHT?

Wow. It's surprisingly complicated.

HMM. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE TAKEN CARE OF A PARROT... WE DON'T HAVE ONE AT SCHOOL.

I don't believe this!

WHAT'S SHE BEEN TEACHING THIS BIRD?!

RAKU DEAR-EST, YOU'RE SO NAUGHTY! ♡

MM... THAT FEELS SO GOOD, RAKU DEAREST! ♡

DON'T TOUCH ME THERE! ♡

OOOH, RAKU DEAREST!

OH... I GUESS IT'S TIME TO FEED HIM.

FOR CRYING OUT LOUD...

SKWAAK

SKWAAK

AUGH! IS THAT MY LINE?!

B-BMP

HEH HEH... DOES THIS FEEL GOOD, MARIKA?

GOOD GRIEF! WHAT WAS SHE THINKING?!

NOT HUNGRY?

HUH? HOW COME YOU'RE NOT EATING?

STARE

THERE YOU GO! EAT UP!

STARE

HERE!

KT

LINK

RAKU DEAREST WILL ONLY EAT IF YOU HAND FEED HIM AND SAY (WITH FEELING), "OPEN UP, RAKU DEAREST! YUMMY YUM YUM!♡"

FEEDING RAKU DEAREST:

BETTER CHECK THE INSTRUC-TIONS...

THAT'S WEIRD.

RUSTLE RUSTLE

SQUAWK

GAH!

IS THIS FOR REAL?!

WHAT ON EARTH HAS SHE BEEN TEACHING THIS BIRD?!

CHOMP♡

I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M DOING THIS!!

SCREECH

TWITCH TWITCH

OPEN UP, RAKU DEAREST!

ER...

YUMMY YUM YUM!

HEY, RAKU DEAREST!

"RAKU DEAREST IS THE COOLEST!"

MAYBE I CAN TEACH HIM SOME-THING TOO.

"RAKU DEAREST IS THE COOLEST!"

WELL, HE'S GOT QUITE THE VOCABULARY, I'LL GIVE HIM THAT.

YEESH!

SKREE

SKREE

THAT WAS PRACTICALLY A CONVER-SATION!

WHAT A MEMORY!

SKWAAK

SKWAAK

AWESOME... I'VE GOTTA TEACH THIS BIRD SOME NEW WORDS!

HOLY COW!

DID YOU REALLY UNDER-STAND THAT?!

WHY, OF COURSE HE IS!

He named a pet after himself...and added "Dearest"?

Raku Dear-est?!

GUESS HE'S REALLY GOT ISSUES...

Y-YIKES... THE YOUNG MASTER'S ACTING REALLY WEIRD!

C'MON, RAKU DEAR-EST!

YOU LISTEN-ING?

HEY, RAKU DEAR-EST!

SAY, "SHE SELLS SEA SHELLS BY THE SEA SHORE!"

SHAH...

CHIRP

I MUST'VE FALLEN ASLEEP TALKING TO THE BIRD...

YAWN... WHOOPS.

CHIRP

SHFF

Didn't even manage to teach it anything...

BLINK

HUH?

NOOO

ooo

RA...

HEY! WHERE ARE YOU??

I DON'T BELIEVE THIS!!

I'M THE WORST PET SITTER EVER!

SKWAAK

RAKU DEAR-EST!!

RAKU DEAR-EST!!

WHERE ARE YOU?!

FWSHH

WHSHH

WHSHH

TEE-HEE... STOP THAT, RAKU DEAREST!

DON'T TOUCH ME THERE! ♡

SHOOP

THERE HE IS!

GOOD! HE HASN'T GONE FAR!

OH...

OHHH...

I'VE GOT TO GET HIM BACK FOR TACHI-BANA!!

I WON'T BE ABLE TO SHOW MY FACE IN THIS NEIGHBOR-HOOD AGAIN!!!

EXPLAINING TO MARIKA IS THE LEAST OF MY WORRIES!

YOU LIKE IT, DON'T YOU?

AW, COME ON, MARIKA...

I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING!!

OH NO!

OH, RAKU DEAREST... YOU'RE SO BAD! ♡

LET'S GIVE HIM SPACE... HIGH SCHOOL'S A ROUGH AGE...

Ugh!

Sob Sob

YOUNG MASTER...

WHY DIDN'T HE COME TO US FOR HELP?

Poor kid...

DON'T FLY AWAAAAY!!

COME BAAAACK!!

FLAP

GET BACK HERE, RAKU DEAREST!!

TWITCH

FLAP FLAP

EEK! WHAT THE...?!

THUNK

ARGH! HE'S HEADED FOR TOWN!

THIS IS BAD!!

...

WHAT AN IRRITATING BIRD.

REMINDS ME OF OL' BEAN SPROUT, SOMEHOW...

YIKES! WHAT'S THIS?! A PARROT?

WHERE'D YOU COME FROM?

B-BMP

HUH?!

MM... RAKU DEAREST !!

HUH?

HAHH

...

FLAP FLAP

IS THAT CHITOGE?!

ON SECOND THOUGHT, GO AHEAD AND BE ROUGH! ♡

Tee hee hee!

BE GENTLE WITH ME, SWEETIE! ♡

RELAX YOUR BODY, MARIKA...

SPARKLE SPARKLE

SIGH...

WHICH WAY DID IT GO?

HUFF

WAS THAT YOUR PARROT?

ER, YEAH.

I MEAN, IT'S TACHI-BANA'S, BUT...

YOU DIDN'T SEE A PARROT FLY BY, DID YOU?

HEY, CHITOGE!

WHAAT?!

DROP DEAD, SCUMBAG!!

OH!

WHAT'S HER DEAL?!

GAH!

HUH?!

YOU'VE GOT SOME NERVE!!

FIND YOUR OWN PARROT!

WHAT WAS THAT FOR?

STOMP STOMP

I'M GETTING A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS...!!

THUNK

FLAP

OH NO!!

IS THAT ONO-DERA?!

And also Haru!

THERE IT IS!!

HUH?

COME BACK HERE, YOU LITTLE...

D'YOU THINK IT'S LOST?

MAYBE WE SHOULD TRY TO CAPTURE IT.

OH! WHAT A CUTE PARROT!

WHERE'D YOU COME FROM?

ARE YOU LOST?

HA HA... CAN YOU TALK?

WHERE'S YOUR OWNER?

YOU SURE ARE GOOD WITH ANIMALS, SIS.

HERE, BIRDIE! COME HERE!

SQUAK

FLAP FLAP

AAAUGH!!

I'm too late!!

OH, DARLING MARIKA, MY SWEET BELOVED...

OH, STOP, RAKU DEAREST, YOU'RE EMBARRASSING ME!

HUH?!

Raku... Dear- est ...?!

I'M ALL YOURS, RAKU DEAREST!

ICHIJO ?

LET ME EXPLAIN!!

WAIT, ONODERA! IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK!!

W-W...

NOOO!!

I DIDN'T SEE ANYTHING EITHER...

Everything's fine!

I DIDN'T HEAR ANYTHING.

ER... DON'T WORRY...

WAAH!!

I'VE GOTTA CATCH IT QUICK!!

GAH! I WANT TO SORT THINGS OUT WITH ONODERA. BUT IF I DON'T GO AFTER THAT BIRD, IT'LL JUST KEEP CAUSING TROUBLE!

FLAP

AUGH!! GET BACK HERE, YOU STUPID BIRD!!

MARIKA, I LOVE ONLY YOUUU!!

I'LL ROAST YOU AND EAT YOU FOR DINNER!!

YAKE

YOU'VE GOTTA HELP ME!

I'M TRYING TO CATCH THIS PARROT, SEE...

The best possible ally!

TSUGUMI! THANK GOD IT'S YOU!!

HEY, ISN'T THAT...

HUH?!

BLAM BLAM BLAM BLAM BLAM

TAKE THIS!!

FYOO!

BLAM BLAM

FYOO!

STUPID BIRD!!

AUGH!!

I'M TOO LATE!!

FOOLING AROUND WITH MARIKA TACHIBANA...

How dare you betray the Mistress!!

YOU DISGUSTING LITTLE WORM...

That dang bird!!

GRRRRRRR

I KNOW... MAYBE THERE'S SOME-THING IN THE INSTRUC-TIONS...

DANG! I'M GETTING NOWHERE!!

RUSTLE

OH! HERE IT IS!!

If Raku Dearest gets loose, the only way to catch him is...

CRUMPLE

GET BACK HERE, RAKU ICHIJO!!

TAK TAK TAK

Just you wait!

You'll pay for this!!

AUGH!!

I HAFTA SCREAM THAT ALL OVER TOWN?!

YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING!!

GET BACK HERE!!

SHOULD I?!

SHOULD I DO IT?

BUT DO I REALLY HAVE TO SHOUT THIS OUT LOUD?!

RATS! IF I DON'T GET THAT BIRD BACK, I'LL NEVER GET THIS SITUATION UNDER CONTROL!!

OH, MARIKA, MY SWEET BELOVED!!

SHFF

I LOVE...

"YOUUU!!

SQUAWK!

FLAP FLAP FLAP

IT'S OVER.

WHAT A FREAK!

YEAH, THAT'S HIM!

WHISPER WHISPER

WHAT WAS THAT?!

ISN'T THAT THE SHUEI-GUMI KID?

CHATTER CHATTER

HAVE YOU BEEN A GOOD BOY?

EEK! —♡

OH, RAKU DEAREST!!

MARIKA!

I'M SO HAPPY TO SEE YOU!!

MARIKA!

BRRRRMMMM

SKREE

RAKU DEAR-EST?

OH!

TACHI-BANA?!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

PHEW!

THANK HEAV-ENS THAT'S BEEN CLEARED UP!

OH, FOR PETE'S SAKE!!

WELL, YES. YOU SEE... AND THEN... THAT'S HOW...

MARIKA... IS THAT YOUR PARROT? DID YOU TEACH IT TO SAY THOSE THINGS?

OH! YOU'RE ALL HERE!

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

I'M EX-HAUSTED.

SHE SURE TOOK OFF IN A HURRY FOR ONCE.

...

KCHAM

BRRRMMM

I OWE YOU ONE, RAKU DEAREST!

WELL, I BETTER GET GOING NOW!

So long, every-one!

BRRRMMMM

OH, MARIKA, MY SWEET BELOVED!!

I LOVE YOUUUU!!

...

KCHIK!

SUCCESS-FULLY COMPLETED!

That went perfect-ly!!

OPERA-TION PAR-ROT...

KCHIK!

TEE HEE HEE HEE!

I just got the weirdest feeling...

SHIVER

You okay?

SKWAAK SKWAAK ...

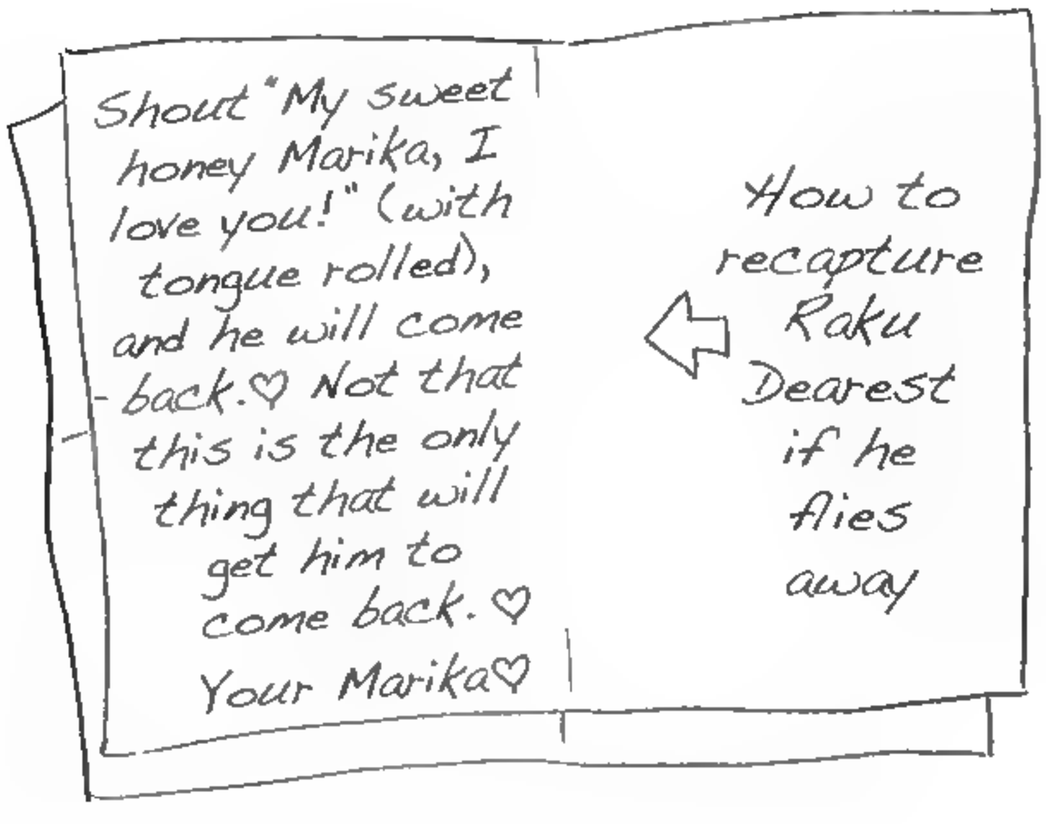
OH, MARIKA...

I LOVE ... I LOVE ...

TRY TO MIMIC HIS VOICE PERFECT-LY!

YOUR NEXT LESSON!

HERE, RAKU DEAREST!


Shout "My sweet honey Marika, I love you!" (with tongue rolled), and he will come back.♡ Not that this is the only thing that will get him to come back.♡
Your Marika♡
How to recapture Raku Dearest if he flies away

Japanese Confections
Onodera

Chapter 105: Tanabata

HEY...

TO-MORROW'S YOUR TANABATA CELEBRATION AT SCHOOL, RIGHT?

YEP.

BUT IT FEELS STRANGE CELEBRATING TANABATA IN HIGH SCHOOL.

KLINKA KLINK

*NOTE: TANABATA IS A JAPANESE STAR FESTIVAL WHERE CHILDREN WRITE WISHES AND HANG THEM ON BAMBOO.

HEY...

I JUST REMEMBERED SOMETHING.

GOOD NIGHT!

G'NIGHT, MOM! G'NIGHT, SIS!

THEY SAY THE WISHES PEOPLE HANG ON IT REALLY DO COME TRUE.

WELL, SHE'S THE ONE WHO CONSECRATES THE BAMBOO FOR TANABATA IN THIS AREA.

SHE'S ACTUALLY REALLY FAMOUS.

Real-ly?

REMEMBER THE PRIESTESS FROM THE SHRINE YOU WENT TO AT NEW YEAR'S?

KOSAKI ...

HUH?

SURE.

She's a powerful psychic...

NO WAY!!

BLUSH

Come on!!

YOU SHOULD WRITE THAT YOU WANT TO GO STEADY WITH THAT BOY YOU LIKE!

IF THAT PRIESTESS CONSECRATES THE BAMBOO, MAYBE IT REALLY DOES MAKE WISHES COME TRUE.

BUT...

Ha ha ha!

No need to be bash-ful!

YAP YAP

CHATTER CHATTER

SO? JUST WRITE ANY OL' THING AND GET IT DONE WITH!

I CAN'T BELIEVE WE'RE DOING THIS STUFF IN HIGH SCHOOL!

WISHES, HUH?

I want to go out

SKRIT

RUSTLE

HUH?!

SO WHAT?!

It'll be on public display, you know!

WHAT ARE YOU WRITING, ICHIJO?

WHY, WHAT HAVE WE HERE?

I, UH, I WANT TO "GO OUT AND DIS-COVER A NEW PLANET!"

AAAAAH!!

oooo!!

I want to be Ichijo's girl-friend.

Kosaki Onodera

I'VE GOTTA MAKE SURE NOBODY SEES IT!

NOW, WHERE'LL I HANG IT?

JUST WRITING IT MAKES ME SOOO NERVOUS!!

I DID IT! I WROTE IT!!

B-BMP

B-BMP

WHAT'S WRONG?

YOU SCARED US!

OH. SORRY.

ER, NOTH-ING'S WRONG.

YEEEED!!

B-BMP

KOSAKI? WHAT WISH DID YOU WRITE?

...SO I JUST WISHED FOR THE MISTRESS'S HEALTH AND SAFETY.

I COULDN'T THINK OF ANY-THING...

I WISHED FOR MY FAVORITE RAMEN SHOP TO BRING BACK THEIR LIMITED-EDITION SPECIAL RAMEN!

WHAT WISHES DID YOU ALL WRITE?

I WISHED TO WIN 300 MILLION YEN.

Not that I bought a lottery ticket.

Bring back the limited-edition special Ramen!

IT MIGHT ACTUALLY COME TRUE IF I DO THIS!

BUT I CAN'T GIVE UP NOW!

YEESH.

I'M THE ONLY ONE MAKING SUCH AN EMBAR-RASSING WISH!

Yeah, but...

Tsugumi, you're supposed to make your own wish, not someone else's!

WHERE DID ALL THOSE WISHES COME FROM?!

FWUMP

WHAT... THE...?!

I'LL JUST SNEAK UP...

...AND SECRETLY HANG IT...

...WHERE NO ONE CAN SEE IT, LIKE THE TOP.

CHATTER CHATTER

I want to be alone with Raku dear-est!

I want to go to an aquarium with Raku!

I want to go on a date with Raku Dearest!

I want to go to an amuse-ment park with my Dearest Raku.

I wish Raku Dearest

THAT'S A LOT OF WISHES!!

WOW!!

BUT I STILL HAVE ALL THESE ONES TO HANG!!

HUH?!

ONLY ONE WISH PER PERSON!

HEY! WHO WROTE ALL THESE WISHES?!

HARU!

DID YOU COME TO HANG YOUR WISH TOO, SIS?

NOW'S MY CHANCE!

OKAY ...

KTUNK

HEY, SIS!

OH!

WHAT A NICE WISH!

I, UH...I WISHED FOR...

YEAH ... UH, WORLD PEACE!

I WROTE THAT I WANT TO GET BETTER AT MAKING JAPANESE SWEETS.

WHAT DID YOU WRITE?

IT JUST CAME OUT, AND...

FLUTTER

THERE'S THIS NEW GUN I HAVE MY EYE ON...

WELL ...

WHAT DID YOU WRITE, PAULA?

I WANT BIGGER BOOBS.

BY WHITE FANG

DING DONG

Time to go.

Oh, there's the warning bell.

I'LL WAIT TILL RIGHT BEFORE CLASS STARTS ...

OH, I KNOW!

HMM ...

WONDER WHEN I'LL GET A CHANCE TO HANG MINE...

PAULA, DON'T GET MAD!

AAAA

SHUT UP!! DON'T LOOK!

GET AWAY, ALL OF YOU!!

AAHH!

I want to be Ichijo's girl-friend.

SHOOP!

KTUNK

ZOOOM

OH, WAIT.

I FORGOT, WE HAVE TO MOVE THE BAMBOO.

Assis-tant Teacher

OKAY, CLASS!

LET'S BEGIN!

NOBODY'LL SEE IT WAY UP THERE!

NOW I CAN RELAX!

I'D LIKE YOU TO GO DOWN AND MOVE THE BAMBOO INTO THE COURTYARD, PLEASE.

Right now.

ICHIJO!

WHAT?!

WHO SHOULD I PICK...

LET'S SEE...

UH-OH...

Why me...?

WAIT A SEC...

Ha ha ha!

FOR REAL? JUST MY LUCK!!

Go for it!

GO ON. YOU'RE A BOY.

ALL BY MYSELF?

Good luck, Ichijo!

CLATTER

THAT'S A BIG JOB FOR ONE PER-SON!

LET ME GO TOO!

ER...

EXCUSE ME!

CLATTER

THAT'S VERY NICE OF YOU, ONO-DERA.

OH!

WHAT IF HE SEES MY WISH?!

THIS COULD BE BAD!

SHUDDER

HARD WORK IS GOOD FOR BOYS!

WHAAAT?!

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA

...is soft on the girls!

This teach-er...

BUT THE ANSWER IS NO.

HE'LL BE FINE.

OH!

YOU REALLY DO LOOK PALE!

Soft on the girls!

GO AHEAD!

CAN I GO TO THE NURSE?

UGH...

ALL OF A SUDDEN, MY STOMACH HURTS...

HUH?!

WELL, UH...

I'LL BE FINE!

GOTTA HURRY UP AND MAKE SURE ICHIJO DOESN'T SEE!!

YOU OKAY? WANT ME TO GO WITH YOU?

ICHIJO!

HUH?

THAT TEACHER'S GOT IT IN FOR ME!

HMM... THIS IS A BIG JOB FOR ONE PERSON.

Can I even do this?

NO WAY! THAT'S CRAZY!!

IN FACT, I CAN HANDLE THIS ALONE!

THERE'S NO NEED TO GO THAT FAR!!

PANT WHEEZE

I...

...CAME TO HELP!

OH! ONODERA ?

WOW, REALLY?!

THANKS !!

HAHH HAHH

AGH!!

KFWUAHF

YOU OKAY, ONODERA?

I'VE GOTTA MAKE SURE HE DOESN'T SEE!!

HERE, YOU TAKE THAT SIDE...

ACK!

BMP

There's always someone who writes "world domination."

LOOKS LIKE THERE ARE ALL KINDS OF WISHES.

HAA...

HAA...

WAIT!!

I'LL DO IT! I'LL STAND IT UP!!

HOLD ON A SEC. I'LL STAND IT BACK UP!

HUH?

WHAT DID YOU WRITE, ICHIJO?

ER... FOR THE END OF WAR...

ME?!

WHAT DID YOU WRITE, ONODERA?

You sure have a big heart.

WOW, THAT'S GREAT.

THERE!

THAT SHOULD DO IT!

JUST SOME-THING DUMB.

OH, NOTHING IMPORTANT.

ooo?

THAT ISN'T WHERE THE BAMBOO'S S'POSED TO GO.

HEY...

RIGHT!

LET'S GO BACK IN, ONODERA.

HOIST

BETTER MOVE IT.

Tee hee hee...

WOW... HIS GIRL-FRIEND ... RAKU'S GIRL-FRIEND ...

WHAT IF IT REALLY COMES TRUE?

HEY!

NOW THERE'S NO WAY ANYONE'LL SEE MY WISH!

PHEW! I CAN FINALLY BREATHE EASY!

?!

WHAT?!

We put it in the middle of the courtyard, and now it's by the window...

SOMEONE MOVED THE BAMBOO AGAIN!

NOOOO!!

I WAS JUST WONDERING WHAT KIND OF WISHES WERE UP AT THE TOP...

Let's go see!

HEY, COOL!

THE TOP'S JUST OUTSIDE THE WINDOW.

EVERY-ONE'LL SEE MY WISH!!

WHAT'S IT DOING THERE?!

FLUTTER

FWOOOO

I want to be Ichijo's girl-friend.

Kosaki Onodera

FLUTTER FLUTTER FLUTTER

AIEEE!!

Y'KNOW, SOMETIMES PEOPLE'S WISHES CAN BE PERSONAL, AND...

W-W-W-WAIT, ICHIJO!!

OH...

FWOOO

GLANCE

THANK GOODNESS MY WISH IS FACING THE OTHER WAY...

HEY!!

THAT'S DANGER-OUS!!

ALMOST ...

ONO-DERA ?!

SHOOP

THAT DOES IT! I'M TAKING IT DOWN!!

!!

WATCH OUT!!

SHWOO!

?!

GOT IT!!

I want

Kosaki Onodera

SHUP

HYAARG!!

SKWEEEE

TWITCH

YEEK!!

FWMP

AIEE!!

OHMYGAWD
OHMYGAWD
OHMYGAWD
OHMYGAWD
...

OOF!!

FWMP!!

I PUT ICHIJO IN DANGER TOO!

WHAT AM I DOING?! THAT WAS REALLY STUPID!

I'M SO SORRY!

I CAN'T BELIEVE I GRABBED HER LIKE THAT...

WORMP

WHAT WERE YOU THINKING?! YOU COULD'VE GOTTEN YOURSELF KILLED!!

YOU DUMMY!!

OH.

THAT WAS YOUR WISH, HUH?

I WROTE THIS WISH THAT WAS REALLY PRIVATE, SEE, AND...

WELL...

WHY WOULD YOU GO AND DO A THING LIKE THAT?!

BUT DON'T EVER RISK YOUR LIFE LIKE THAT AGAIN.

OKAY?

...WITHOUT EVEN SEEING YOUR WISH.

MAYBE I COULD HAVE HELPED YOU...

WELL, NEXT TIME, JUST TELL ME, OKAY?

I want to be Ichijo's girl-friend.

Kosaki

ICHIJO...

GOOD!

I'LL REMEM-BER THAT NEXT TIME.

OKAY.

RUSTLE

OH!

Bwa ha ha!

Tee hee hee...

I'LL MAKE A DIFFERENT WISH.

THIS IS SOMETHING I SHOULD MAKE HAPPEN ON MY OWN.

THIS ISN'T SOMETHING I SHOULD PRAY FOR ANYWAY.

I HOPE YOU GET YOUR WISH...

I wish all of the animals in the school menagerie would love me to death.

Raku Ichijo

I hope Ichijo gets his wish.

Anonymous

...ICHIJO.

My wish came true!!

YOU ALL LOVE ME?!

YOU LOVE ME?

RROWL

YOU'RE USUALLY SO COLD TOWARD ME!!

WOW! WHAT'S UP WITH YOU GUYS?!

SQUAWK SQUAWK

MEOW MEOW


Geez, what was that yester-day?
It's over?
Huh? No one's excited to see me?
The next day
SHHHHHH...

PONG

OH NO! I'M LATE!

Chapter 106: Search

GOTTA HURRY UP!!

TUG!

SEE YOU LATER!

Have a good day, young Mis-tress !!

SHFF

FWHO

FWHSH

OOOO!

DOONG DING

YAP YAP

DOONG DING

SHOOP

HUH?

WELL, WHADDAYA KNOW!

YOU BEAT ME HERE FOR ONCE, CHITOGE!

PHEW. THAT WAS CLOSE.

BARELY MADE IT ON TIME...

GLOOOOM

MUTTER MUTTER

MJMM-KAY

CHITOGE ?!

YOU LOST YOUR RIBBON?

WHAT?

I HAFTA GO LOOK FOR IT!

WAAH!

WAIT, CHITOGE! SCHOOL'S STARTING!

MAYBE YOU WERE IN A HURRY AND DIDN'T TIE IT TIGHT ENOUGH.

SO YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU LOST IT?

SNIFFLE

I DIDN'T REALIZE IT TILL I GOT TO SCHOOL...

WELL, THAT'S PART OF IT...

SNIFFLE

BUT ALSO, YOU...

YOUR MOM GAVE IT TO YOU. I KNOW HOW SPECIAL IT IS.

I KNOW.

WE'LL FIND IT, OKAY?

I'LL HELP YOU LOOK FOR IT AFTER SCHOOL.

CALM DOWN, OKAY?

BUT, RAKU, THAT RIBBON...

SO WILL WE!

DON'T WORRY, MISTRESS! I'LL HELP TOO!

AWW... THANKS, EVERY-ONE!

NO...

NOTH-ING.

YOU... TUBE?

?

?

I BET IT'S BEEN TOSSED IN THE TRASH BY NOW.

NOBODY'S GOING TO TURN IN A LOST RIBBON.

HA HA

MARIKA TACHI-BANA, YOU SLIME...

ALL THIS FUSS ABOUT A STUPID RIBBON?

OH, PLEASE!

Thanks.

Here. I'll fix your hair.

KSHING

W-W-WAIT!! KIRISAKI... THIS ISN'T LIKE YOU!

M-MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT...

Y-YOU THINK SO?

SNIFFLE SOB

TAKE IT EASY NOW!!

BLOO

OSH

BLUB——————...

?!

Y-YIKES!

IS SHE REALLY OKAY?

Just quit crying, wouldja?

I'LL HELP YOU LOOK TOO... SHEESH!

OKAY, OKAY!!

YOU OKAY, MISTRESS?

YEAH...

NOBODY TURNED IT IN TO THE LOCAL POLICE STATION...

HMM... WHERE COULD CHITOGE'S RIBBON BE?

...

THANKS.

CHEER UP, CHITOGE...

I'LL HELP YOU LOOK FOR IT AGAIN TODAY.

TA—DAA!

THEY BROUGHT BACK YOUR FAVORITE SPECIAL RAMEN AND EVERYTHING!

I'LL TREAT YOU TO RAMEN TODAY!

AFTER WE FIND YOUR RIBBON, WE'LL ALL GO HAVE RAMEN TOGETHER...

HA HA HAHA

WELL, HECK. THIS CALLS FOR EXTREME MEASURES!

GEEZ. YOU'RE REALLY BROKEN UP ABOUT THIS.

I MEAN, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT RAMEN HERE!

SHE'S TURNING DOWN RAMEN?!

HWA WAWA WA WA WA WA

THIS HAS NEVER HAP-PENED BEFORE!

?!

I DON'T FEEL LIKE IT.

NO THANKS.

WORMP

WHAT ?!

AM I JUST TRIPPING, OR...

THIS IS WEIRD...

IT'S KINDA MESSING WITH MY HEAD...

SHE'S AS MEEK AS A KITTEN.

...LOOKING SUPER BEAUTIFUL LATELY?

IS SHE...

SNIFFLE

HEY, CHITOGE...

WANNA ARM WRESTLE?

HUH?

HOW COME?

SNIFFLE

NO... I GUESS I JUST TEND TO FORGET, BUT...SHE'S REALLY A GORGEOUS GIRL.

WHEN SHE GETS ALL EMOTIONAL AND VULNERABLE LIKE THIS...

...IT HELPS BRING OUT HER FEMININE SIDE.

WHAM!

GO!

LET'S GO!

READY...

SNIFFLE

OH, NO REASON. C'MON!

SNIFFLE

WILL SHE BE LIKE THIS FOREVER?

BUT WHAT HAPPENS IF SHE NEVER FINDS HER RIBBON?

THAT WAS A DUMB EXPERI-MENT.

SHE HASN'T LOST HER STRENGTH LIKE TSUGUMI DID THAT TIME. I GUESS I SHOULD'VE KNOWN.

I SEE...

CRUMBLE

You okay, Ichijo?

STILL CAN'T FIND IT, MISTRESS?

HMM... WONDER WHERE WE SHOULD LOOK NEXT?

WORMP

THE NEXT DAY...

DOOONG

DIIING

WISH THERE WAS SOME WAY TO CHEER HER UP. BUT WE JUST CAN'T FIND THAT RIBBON...

SHE'S STILL TOTALLY DEVASTATED. THIS IS GETTING HARD TO TAKE.

Thank you! Have a nice day!

WHAT ELSE IS THERE?

I HATE TO DECEIVE HER, BUT...

EVEN IF SOMEONE FOUND THAT RIBBON, THEY AREN'T LIKELY TO TURN IT IN TO THE POLICE.

TACHI-BANA HAS A POINT.

?!

YOU DID?!

YOUR RIBBON!

I FOUND IT!

HEY!

CHITOGE!

DON'T LOSE IT AGAIN, OKAY?

HERE.

SHOOP

UH...

Y'KNOW... DOWN AN ALLEYWAY... THE WIND MUSTA BLOWN IT THERE...

WHERE WAS IT?!

FOR REAL? YOU FOUND IT?

I'M SO GLAD!

THANK YOU SO M...

HOORAY!!

IT SMELLS WRONG.

WHISPER

HUH?

WHAT?!

RAKU...?

JOLT

IT SMELLS NEW.

IT SMELLS WRONG?

YOU CAN TELL?!

I...

I WAS TRYING TO HELP!!

CLAP!

I-I'M SORRY!

I SHOULDN'T HAVE LIED...

?!

HUH?!

NO... IT'S OKAY.

CHUCKLE

YOU WANTED TO MAKE ME FEEL BETTER, DIDN'T YOU?

I APPRECIATE IT.

WHO IS THIS GIRL, ANYWAY?!

THIS IS THE PART WHERE I USUALLY GET YELLED AT AND CLOBBERED AND SLAMMED INTO THE EARTH AND LEFT THERE!

W-WHAT'S GOING ON?!

THAT WAS CLOSE. ALMOST FOOLED BY A SWEET DELUSION.

?

SHAKA SHAKA

NO... WHAT AM I THINK-ING?!

MAYBE IT'S BETTER IF SHE STAYS LIKE THIS...

WAIT... WHY WOULD I PREFER CHITOGE TO BE LIKE THAT?

HUH?

HEY, CHI-TOGE...

YOU'VE GOT GOOD EYESIGHT, RIGHT?

UP THERE...

HEY...

...

WHAT'S UP?

RATS.

BETTER START THE SEARCH ALL OVER AGAIN.

HUH?

FLUTTER FLUTTER

ON TOP OF THAT UTILITY POLE...

VOOM!!!

THERE IT IS!!

YIKES!!

GLEAM!!

FWAH

WOOSH

!!

OH, NO YOU DON'T!

TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP

TMP TMP TMP

THAT'S IT! THAT'S IT! THAT'S IT!!

TMP TMP TMP

K'SHOOM!

OH NO!!

UH...

HUH?!

WOOOOSH

AT LEAST SHE'S FEELING BETTER...

WELL...

FLUTTER

THERE IT IS!!

!!

I'VE GOTTA FIND IT!!

WHERE DID IT GO?!

DING DING DING DING DING DING DING DING

WAIT...

OH!

THAT'S...

?!

IT'S NOW OR NEVER...

FWAP

OH...

OH NO...

AAAAAAAAH!!

!!!

WAAAAA...

...ÄAAAH!!

MY RIBBON... MY...

IT...

WHAT'RE YOU CRYING ABOUT?

HEY, NOW...

SOB SOB

WAAAAAAAHHH

IT GOT BLOWN AWAY IN THE WIND JUST NOW TOO.

WHAT?

RUMMAGE

You went after it by mistake.

I GOT YOUR OLD ONE. HERE.

THAT WAS THE ONE I BOUGHT YOU.

NO.

SNIFF

IT SMELLS DIFFER-ENT, RIGHT?

GO AHEAD AND MAKE SURE.

SEE?

IT'S THE REAL THING!!

OH!!

POUNCE

HUH?!

SHEESH...

BE MORE CAREFUL NEXT TIME, OKAY?

YES! WHAT A RELIEF!!

WAAAAH

...

...SO MUCH!!

THANK YOU.

SKWEE

Oh, ribbon! I'll never lose you again!

SHEESH! AT LEAST SHE'S BACK TO HER OLD SELF!

I GUESS THAT'S A GOOD THING...

?!

SLAP

HEY!! WHAT'RE YOU DOING?!

GASP!

...?

YEAH... I GUESS IT'S FOR THE BEST.

HEY... WHAT'RE YOU SMILING ABOUT?

NOTH-ING.

WHAT?

WHAT?



Chapter 107: Festival




NISEKOI
False Love

CHI CHI CHI!

THE SEASONS PASS...

AND AT BONYARI HIGH SCHOOL...

...SUMMER VACATION HAS ARRIVED!

CHI CHI CHI!

TAK TAK TAK

HARU!

YOU KNOW THE FIREWORKS EVENT COMING UP?

I'M GOING WITH SOME FRIENDS FROM MY CLASS. WANNA JOIN US?

HUH?

I GUESS SO...

HEY, HARU...

IT SEEMS LIKE YOU'VE BEEN GETTING ALONG BETTER WITH ICHIJO THESE DAYS.

HUH?!

DOES THAT MEAN ICHIJO'S COMING?

YEAH... HA HA! DO YOU MIND?

I GUESS NOT.

Okay... I'll invite Fu too. And Paula...

YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG!

DROP IT, OR I WON'T GO WITH YOU GUYS!

Glad Haru and Ichijo are getting along

TEE HEE HEE

YOU HAVEN'T BEEN FIGHTING MUCH RECENTLY...

AND HE HELPED YOU PICK OUT MY BIRTHDAY GIFT, RIGHT?

AND THE OTHER DAY, WHEN WE MADE JAPANESE SWEETS TOGETHER ...

NO! I MEAN... THAT WAS...

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...BUT HE DEFINITELY LIKES MY SISTER, EVEN THOUGH HE'S GOT A GIRL-FRIEND...

I GUESS I DON'T THINK HE'S AS BAD AS I USED TO...

SHEESH!

Okay, okay. Sorry!

I MEAN, PUH-LEASE!

I'VE BEEN WONDERING ABOUT SOME-THING...

HEY, SIS?

JOLT!

BLRG ?!

DO YOU HAVE A CRUSH ON ICHIJO?

ER... YEAH.

I MEAN, KIRISAKI'S YOUR FRIEND, RIGHT?

YOU WOULDN'T TRY TO STEAL HIM, WOULDJA?

HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THAT?

I MEAN, HE HAS A GIRL-FRIEND, RIGHT?

SO CUTE!

ARE YOU HIDING SOME-THING, SIS?

OF COURSE NOT!!

I'm not hiding any-thing!

FWSH FWSH

?

WHAT KIND OF AN ANSWER IS THAT?

THE THING IS... I MEAN, Y'KNOW...

BUT... HOW CAN I PUT THIS...

WELL, YEAH... YOU'RE RIGHT...

BABBLE BABBLE

AND I DON'T GET HOW ICHIJO CAN BE SO SHAMELESS ABOUT TRYING TO CHEAT ON HIS GIRLFRIEND!

I DON'T GET IT!

SIS DOESN'T SEEM LIKE THE KIND TO GO AFTER SOMEONE'S BOYFRIEND!

DOESN'T HE CARE ABOUT HER?

HEY, KOSAKI!

HEY...

IS THAT JUST HOW GUYS ARE?

THERE YOU ARE!

THANKS FOR WAIT-ING!

CHITOGE!

KIRISAKI SURE IS PRETTY.

IF I WERE A GUY, I'D BE STOKED TO DATE A GIRL LIKE HER!

ER... YEAH!

THIS IS GONNA BE SO FUN!

HI, HARU! GLAD YOU COULD MAKE IT!

WE'RE BACK!!

HE WENT TO GET SOME FOOD.

WHERE'S ICHIJO?

TWITCH

NOPE. THERE'S NO WAY!

WILL I HAVE A BOD LIKE THAT IN A YEAR?

AND HARU AND MIYA-MOTO TOO!

And you're Fu, right?

OH! IT'S YOU, ONODERA!

WELL, WELL! IF IT ISN'T CASANOVA HIMSELF!

IT'S A RENTAL.

I GOT A GREAT DEAL AT THE KIMONO PLACE IN THE SHOPPING ARCADE...

THANKS! YOU'RE SO GENER-OUS!

HERE, HONEY! GOT YOU SOME YAKISOBA, GRILLED SQUID AND CANDY APPLES.

HEY, I NEVER SAID I'D TREAT!

IT'S SUPER CUTE!

WOW, KOSAKI... WHERE'D YOU GET THAT YUKATA?

DOESN'T SHE LOOK ADORABLE, RAKU?!

REALLY?! I SHOULD'VE CHECKED THEM OUT!

WELL, YEAH...

HUH?!

I MEAN, SHE LOOKS GREAT.

YEAH...

I GUESS SO...

HUH?!

DID YOU RENT YOUR YUKATA THERE TOO, HARU?

B-BMP

UH... WELL, Y-YEAH...

THAT'S HOW YOU GET TAKEN IN BY PLAYERS LIKE ICHIJO!

GEEZ, SIS! WAY TO FALL FOR HIS SWEET TALK!

ER...

SURE.

TH-THANKS...

OH!

HE COMPLI-MENTED SIS, BUT HE DOESN'T EVEN NOTICE ME?

ISN'T HE GOING TO SAY I LOOK NICE TOO?

WHAT GIVES?!

THAT'S SO LIKE HIM!

HUHR!

SHE WAS OVER BY THE RIVER...

SHE WAS HERE A MINUTE AGO...

SAY, WHERE DID TACHIBANA GO?

WHAT'S THAT?

?

YOU MEAN THE "CUPID'S FLAME"?

YOU KNOW...

SO, WONDER IF WE'LL SEE YOU-KNOW-WHAT THIS YEAR...

HOW COME I'M GETTING ANNOYED?

WAIT A SEC...

WHAT DO I CARE IF HE COMPLIMENTS ME?!

YOU LOVE THESE URBAN MYTHS, HUH?

WOW, I HAD NO IDEA!

All the girls

THEY SAY THAT IF A GUY AND GIRL WATCH IT TOGETHER, THEY'LL BECOME SWEETHEARTS.

IT'S A SPECIAL FIREWORK. THEY ONLY LAUNCH ONE OF 'EM EACH YEAR, AND THERE'S NO TELLING WHEN!

HAVEN'T YOU HEARD?

KSLAM

...TO-GETHER !!

I'VE GOT EVERYTHING READY FOR US TO SPOT THE "CUPID'S FLAME"...

OH, RAKU DEAR-EST!!

ANYONE WANT TO WATCH FOR IT WITH ME THIS YEAR?

Uh, anyone?

SHOOP

THANKS. SHU, YOU CAN TAKE MY SPOT...

THERE! THE STAGE IS ALL SET FOR A ROMANTIC EVENING OF LOVE CONFESSIONS!

SNUGGLE SNUGGLE

WOW, RAKU... YOU LUCKY DOG!

OH, RAKU DEAREST! SHALL WE?

OF COURSE NOT!!

B-BMP!!

RAKU, YOU'RE NOT PLANNING TO SNEAK OFF AND WATCH THEM ALONE WITH A GIRL, ARE YOU?

I GUESS WE'LL JUST ALL WATCH THE FIREWORKS TOGETHER THIS YEAR.

WE'D BETTER BE CAREFUL NOT TO GET LOST!

WOW. IT SURE IS CROWDED!

OKAY, THEN. WE HAVE SOME TIME TO WANDER A BIT BEFORE THE FIREWORKS START.

Whoa!

YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT!

OH... HE MEANT SIS!

SHE GETS LOST REALLY EASILY!

YOU SHOULD REALLY KEEP AN EYE ON HARU.

Candied Apple

WSP

WSP

Yakisob

HEY!

ONO-DERA!

B-BMP

HUH?!

QUIT CALLING MY SISTER ONODERA!

ALSO ...

OOPS, SORRY. I DIDN'T MEAN FOR YOU TO HEAR.

I'M IN HIGH SCHOOL NOW. THOSE DAYS ARE OVER!

NOBODY ASKED FOR YOUR HELP, ICHIJÓ!

Duh.

WHY DON'T YOU USE HER FIRST NAME?

!!!

WELL THEN, WHAT SHOULD I...

SOMETIMES I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU'RE TALKING TO!

IT'S MY LAST NAME TOO!

Games

Grilled Food

Hot Dogs

Goldfish Catch

Masks

Takoyo

KOSAKI?

ER...

OH, FOR PETE'S SAKE...

BLUSH

WELL, IT FIGURES. SINCE THEY BOTH LIKE EACH OTHER...

THEY'RE LIKE A PAIR OF GOOFY LOVEBIRDS!

Ha ha...

C'MON, FU!

HUH?

Maybe we should just stick to what we're used to.

Yeah, I agree.

...AM I DOING?

WHAT...

YOU SURE ABOUT THIS, HARU?

...MY CHEST FEELS ALL TIGHT?

HOW COME...

YOU WANTED TO SEE THE "CUPID'S FLAME" WITH HIM, DIDN'T YOU?

BUT IT'S TOO BAD...

WITH WHO?

I JUST NEEDED A LITTLE SPACE...

SORRY, FU...

Sorry.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT...

YEAH...

GEE, WE'RE PRETTY FAR FROM THE GROUP NOW.

BLRFF ?!

WITH ICHIJO!

YEAH. SILLY YOU.

OH. SILLY ME.

KCHIK KCHIK

BESIDES ...

WHERE'D YOU GET THAT IDEA?!

YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME!!

He's the last guy on earth...

YOU MEAN YOU DIDN'T?

WHAT?!

IS THIS SOME KINDA JOKE, FU?

ICHIJO...

...LIKES MY SISTER.

HE LIKES KOSAKI.

SO...

BESIDES, THAT SLIME BAG...

...TOTALLY THINKS OF GIRLS AS DISPOSABLE TOYS!

IT'S OBVIOUS BY THE WAY HE TALKS TO MY SISTER!

BLURT

KCHIK

THEN WHY DIDN'T YOU TRY TO SABOTAGE HIM TONIGHT?

I DON'T KNOW...

I'M CON-FUSED.

BUT THE FACT IS, HE'S DATING KIRISAKI.

HE DOESN'T SEEM LIKE THE TYPE TO JUST HURT A GIRL ON PURPOSE.

IF HE WASN'T...

...I'D TOTALLY SUPPORT THEIR RELATIONSHIP.

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SU

...YOU SHOULD GO WITH HOW YOU FEEL, HARU.

ooo?

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I THINK...

BEE-BEEP

SONY

TEE HEE HEE HEE HEE!

YOU'RE AN ANGEL, FU!

I'VE ALWAYS GOT YOUR BACK, HARU!

ANYWAY... I'M HERE FOR YOU IF YOU EVER WANT TO TALK!

GOOD QUESTION!

HMM.

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

?

KCHIK

HOW DO I FEEL?

THANKS!

I'LL GET US SOME-THING TO EAT.

HOW I FEEL?

JA

CLEARLY, HE'S A JERK.

EVEN IF HE ACTS NICE SOMETIMES.

HE'S BOUND TO BREAK HER HEART.

I WANT TO PROTECT SIS.

WELL, IT'S SWEETS

Goldfish Catch

I DON'T THINK DATING A CHEATER WILL BE GOOD FOR HER!

Grilled Chicken

WHO'S THAT?

OH!

IT'S FOR HER OWN GOOD!

WHEN WE GET BACK, I'LL RESUME MY EFFORTS TO PROTECT HER FROM HIM!

GLEAM

...AND... MAIKO?

LOOKS LIKE RURI...

THOSE TWO ARE PRETTY CONVINCING, RIGHT?

WONDER WHAT THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT!

Something's up!

ACTUALLY, I GOT THE SENSE SOMETHING WAS UP WITH THOSE TWO!

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SNEAK SNEAK

I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY'VE KEPT IT UP FOR MORE THAN A YEAR!

SEEMS LIKE THEY'VE REALLY GOTTEN THE HANG OF IT LATELY.

THOSE TWO?

CHITOGE AND ICHIJO.

I KNOW IT'S FOR THEIR FAMILIES AND ALL, BUT...

I WONDER HOW LONG THEY INTEND TO KEEP IT UP?

D'YOU REALLY THINK THAT'S THE WHOLE REASON?

BUT, WHAT DO THEY MEAN ...?

THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT ICHIJO AND KIRISAKI!

OH!

WELL, UNDER THE CIRCUM-STANCES...

YEAH. THEY HAVE NO CHOICE!

...THAT THEY'RE JUST PRETENDING TO BE DATING!

SOMEONE'S BOUND TO NOTICE...

WHAT?

RAKU SAYS IT'S JUST TILL THEY FINISH HIGH SCHOOL.

THAT'S A LONG TIME!

KIRISAKI AND RAKU...

...AREN'T REALLY A COUPLE?

WHAT...

...ON EARTH...

Volume 12--
Festival/END

Bonus Comic!!

I'd like you all to work as a team from now on.

I suppose you're all wondering why I've gathered you here today.

For once, all of the magical girls are in one place...

Apples

Oranges

Magical Confectioner Kosaki!!

I didn't realize there were other magical girls...

Hope we can be friends...

The more the merrier!

Wow...

Leave it to us!

Oh...

SHOOP

You'll need to collaborate to combat the forces of evil that threaten our world.

Hey, no fair!

I want to be the leader too!

In that case...

In terms of both skill and experience, I believe I am the obvious choice!

Leader?

To start with, you'll need to choose a leader.

Uh-oh... I won!

Rats...

Hmph!

So what?

Calm down, both of you!

You're just a newbie! You just got your magical girl power the other day!

We'll do rock-paper-scissors to make it fair...

Oh, but she does!

Still, the leader doesn't have any special privileges or anything...

What are the various other duties?

Oh....

Mostly paper-work and stuff.

First, when you present yourselves to an enemy, you always get to be in the middle!

Lucky!

You get all the coolest lines and poses!

Plus you have various other duties...

I still think it should be me...

So...I should be stoked?

First, you must record all of your team acitvities and submit a weekly report. These reports are utilized by the Magical Girl Office as decision-making criteria to determine future operational guidelines, so please be as comprehensive and accurate as possible in your documentation. The leader is also responsible for filing tax returns on behalf of each member, so please keep track of everyone's receipts. You must keep an accurate record of work-related expenses incurred by each member and their purposes. Each descent from the sky is a small expense, but they add up. If you don't deduct them, you'll regret it. Also, the office receives complaints and requests from neighborhood residents, so please check the file pertaining to your district on a regular basis. Before doing that, you'll have to register your team at the Magical District Office. You will need to obtain the residency cards and I.D. of each member and bring them to the New Magical Girl Registration Window at the Magical District Office, where you will fill out the requisite forms...

YAP

YAP YAP YAP YAP YAP YAP YAP

Geez, I'm glad it's not me!

That's what magical girls do?

Looking forward to working with you, Leader!

Easy, right?

To be continued...probably...


What is it?
This pink report...